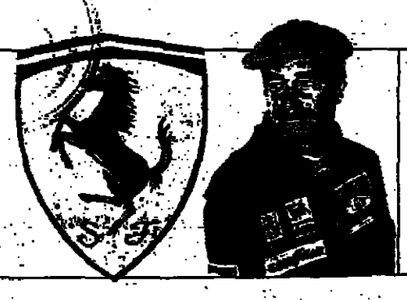
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Bush says air threats should be kept secret

More bulletins leaked on terror warnings

- **President Bush said that bombing and hijacking warnings should be kept secret from the travelling public**
- **He said that making all warnings public would encourage "every nut in the world" to make similar threats**
- **His comments came after two further security bulletins from the US Federal Aviation Administration were leaked**
- **Tighter security checks at London airports singled out men of Middle-Eastern descent for surveillance**

By Mohsin Ali in Washington and Michael Evans in London

President Bush spoke out strongly yesterday in favour of bomb and hijack warnings being kept secret from the general public, as fears of another terrorist outrage continued to cause serious delays at British airports.

He made his views clear after two further security bulletins from the US Federal Aviation Administration had been leaked.

Mr Bush said that the purpose of all FAA bulletins was to alert security personnel at airports and elsewhere, "not to scare the traveller so that he will have no confidence in the safety of the airlines".

The President said that if all terrorist warnings were made known to the public, most of which proved to be "frivolous", the number of calls would "quadruple because every nut in the world will start calling in and enjoying the silent satisfaction of fouling up the travel schedules".

Mr Bush, interviewed in the *Washington Times*, added that it was prudent to allow the security people to know and to take as many "precise steps" as possible.

One bulletin that came to light yesterday, sent on December 7 last year – two weeks before the Lockerbie disaster – warned airlines and governments of an incident at Frankfurt airport when two bogus police officers questioned US officials working for TWA about arrangements for transporting "pistols, explosives and a detonator".

Neither the FAA nor the Department of Transport in London would make any comment about this document, the fourth to be issued in the weeks leading up to Lockerbie.

The other bulletin, leaked earlier this week, was dated March 16 and warned of a possible hijack attempt by three named Lebanese Palestinians. Yesterday, an official at the US State Department counter-terorist section said that none of the three listed were known terrorists.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, also emphasized that, contrary to published reports, the March 16 warning did not mention the Easter holiday period, nor did it refer to a specific airline or airport. But he explained that the public should be made aware that this bulletin was designed to heighten the already "high-security procedures now in effect". Mr Fitzwater added: "FAA security bulletins are distributed to airline and airport officials who can direct responses to the threat. This sensitive information is not designed for public distribution."

Britain and the US shared the view that passengers should remain confident that all reasonable precautions were being taken to ensure the highest level of security. To underline this point, both Heathrow and Gatwick yesterday were subjected to long delays yesterday, as armed police patrolled the airports.

At Heathrow, dozens of extra police officers and plain-clothed detectives were drafted in for the weekend. Security staff doubled the numbers of checks on passengers flying to main destinations. Men of Middle-Eastern origin were singled out for surveillance. The leaked March 16 warning suggested that a bomb might be planted in radios or electrical goods. Yet thousands of passengers queued for their planes with radio and hi-fi equipment.

The US team of six officials from the Department of Transportation, which has been meeting with Lockerbie investigators in Britain and West Germany this week, returned home yesterday.

A department spokesman said they would be reporting to Mr Samuel Skinner, the Transportation Secretary, who is due to fly to Europe next month to see his counterparts in Britain, France and West Germany about improving the system for disseminating anti-terrorist warnings.

At Heathrow, Miss Angela Jones, aged 27, from Manchester, was one of many passengers carrying a radio. She said she had no idea that passengers had been advised to leave radio cassettes at home. "I'm quite embarrassed, because if I had known I wouldn't have brought it. It's ironic because the only reason I did bring it was in case there were delays. Now I find I may be the cause of the delays."

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Baby is among 59 rescued from theme park's crippled cable cars

By Ian Smith, Edward Gorman, Kerry Gill and Mark Souster

Firemen used hydraulic ladders, ropes and harnesses to free 59 people from wind-buffeted cable cars in a dramatic rescue more than 30 ft above ground at Alton Towers leisure complex in Staffordshire yesterday.

In a two-hour emergency rescue operation a man in a wheelchair was brought safely down and a two-year-old boy was strapped to the back of an Alton Towers worker.

Although several passengers suffered slight shock none needed hospital treatment.

Firemen were called to Europe's biggest leisure park after high winds caused the Skyride cable-car system to shut down automatically, trapping day-trippers high above a tree-lined ravine.

One cable car, caught by a particularly strong gust, jammed against a stanchion, trapping terrified passengers for more than two hours.

A firemen had to use special equipment to swing down the cable to the car before getting through a service hatch in its roof.

Once inside he dropped a rope to the ground where colleagues were cutting down trees and undergrowth to make room for passengers to be lowered safely.

In all 33 people from three cars on the 40-car ride were rescued using hydraulic lifts while others had to be lowered to the ground using ropes and harnesses.

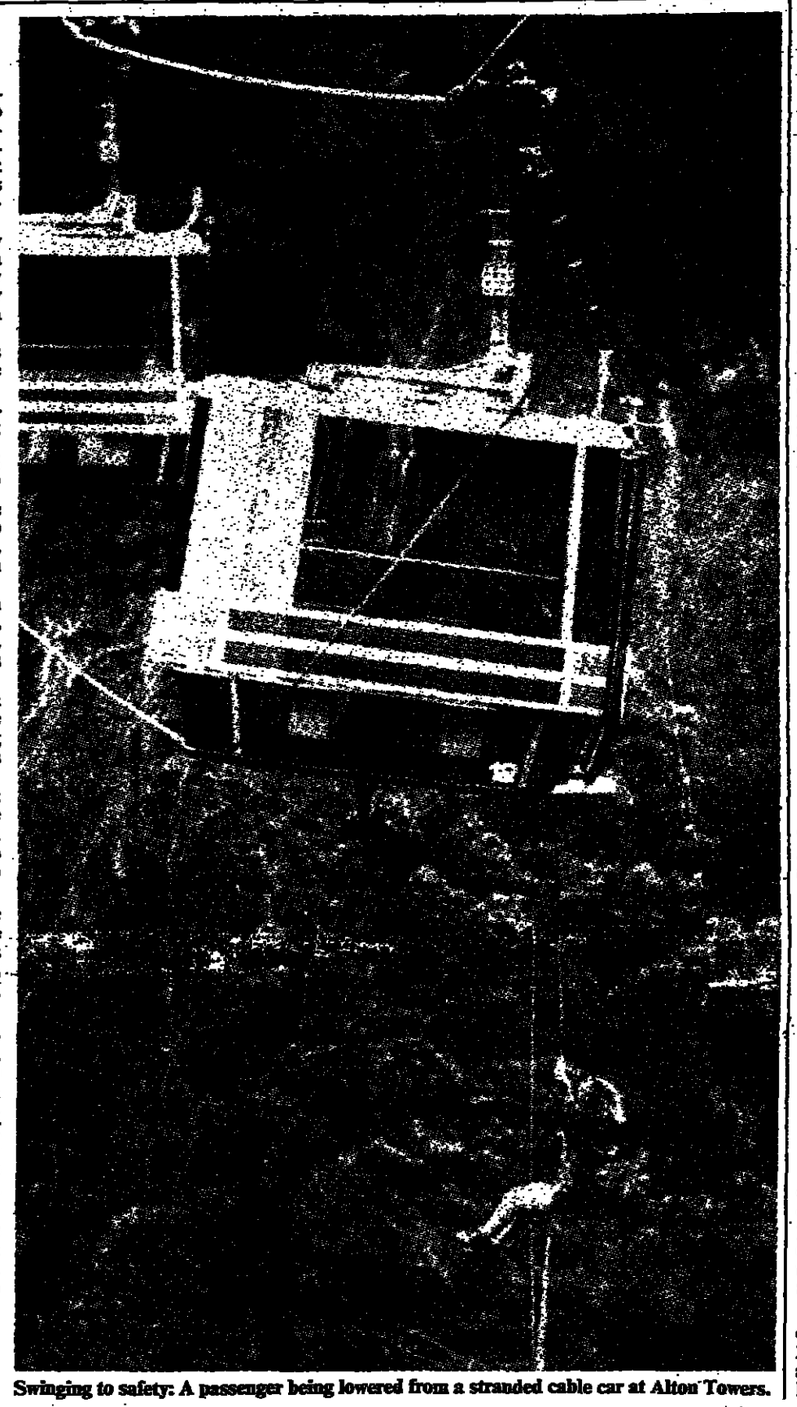
A senior fireman said: "Although the winds were gusting quite sharply at times and swinging the gondolas back and forth there was never any real danger, though many of the people, including old ladies and babes-in-arms, were understandably anxious and a few were near panic."

One of those rescued was Mr Trevor Rowbottom from Scunthorpe who was trapped 100 ft up with his wife and two sons.

"Descending from the gondola was the most frightening thing I have ever experienced.

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Swinging to safety: A passenger being lowered from a stranded cable car at Alton Towers.

Tibetan toll 600 over 18 months

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

Riots in Tibet have cost hundreds of lives since the uprisings two years ago and the recent unrest left 40 Chinese policemen dead or wounded, Major-General Zhang Shaosong, the political commissar in charge of martial law in Lhasa, said yesterday.

His revelation, together with details of 21 riots since 1987, seems to indicate that China sees a grave threat to its stability. Unity in the face of national crisis is becoming the catchphrase of this year's session of the National People's Congress (Parliament).

Details of petitions against corrupt officials, low living standards and inflation in China paint a very different picture from that presented by Mr Zhao Ziyang, the then Prime Minister, two years ago.

General Zhang said that 600 people had been killed in Tibetan riots since September 1987. The Chinese authorities claim the rioters had guns in the latest riots in Lhasa, but no Western witness has confirmed this.

The general said pro-independence activities were growing in strength. "Underground activities" were giving way to demonstrations, and scattered disturbances to organized sabotage. Tibetans in other provinces were being incited to riot. Separatists had gone underground now.

General Zhang was not alone in displaying signs of a new openess. Mr Wang Fang, the Minister of Security, told the annual session of Parliament of price rises, falling living standards and increasing crime rates.

Mr Fang said that in the countryside, peasants had demonstrated and presented petitions complaining about corrupt officials as well as rising prices. In the cities, the main complaint was inflation.

Crime increased by 45 per cent in 1988, with more than 200 policemen killed on duty, and a further 5,691 injured, Mr Fang said.

TV sex series will be seen at 6.30pm

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The most intimate guide to love and sex for young people to appear on British television is being planned for peak viewing time on Channel 4 later this year.

The 13-part series – called "Survivors' Guide" and aimed at 17 to 27 year-olds – will tackle sensitive issues like the female orgasm, pleasing a partner and avoiding Aids.

Although simulated sex is ruled out, the series makers hope to include detailed discussions of sexual techniques. The programmes, which Channel 4 describe as a young persons' passport to survival in the 1990s, will be shown at 6.30pm – well before the 9pm "watershed" hour.

Mrs Eleanor Stephens, who is making the series, said it would "go farther than anything ever shown on TV."

The series has received provisional approval from the Independent Broadcasting Authority but the proposed timing has infuriated watchdogs and last night Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said it could do much harm.

Mrs Stephens, the British pioneer of candid group discussions on sex in the 1970s, is head of an independent film company which is working on a pilot programme. The series is due to start in May.

She said yesterday: "I see no point in tackling subjects unless it is done frankly. Lovemaking causes all kinds of problems, especially for those in our target audience.

The programmes will feature young people talking about their problems to others

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Minorco court offer

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Minorco, the mining investment group, is to offer the New York district court a binding promise to sell Consolidated Gold Fields' main United States asset, in a last-ditch attempt to lift legal barriers to its £3.2 billion takeover bid for the mining group, the largest ever made for a British company.

The South African-controlled group admitted that if the private anti-trust case brought by ConsGold went to a full trial, it could last many weeks, preventing it winning control before April 26, the deadline under City takeover rules. It sees little chance of agreeing a takeover at a higher price with the hostile ConsGold board.

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BBC baffled by the time for change

By Edward Gorman

Independent Radio News is getting it right. The BBC – television and radio – is getting it wrong; so are Sealink and British Airways. No one seems absolutely sure when it should happen, and even the Home Office admits there is a lot of confusion.

The problem: when should the clocks change? According to the BBC's manager in charge of time, the clocks should go forward on Sunday morning at two o'clock, and that's what will happen on television and radio.

According to the Home Office, however, the BBC will be wrong, which means that when Radio 2 broadcasts the news at one o'clock tomorrow morning, it will in fact be two o'clock.

British Airways will also change at 2 am, switching its schedules, according to the Home Office, at the wrong time. A BA spokeswoman said airlines had changed at two o'clock "for donkey's years".

Luckily, there are no BA flights during the time of the switch-over or passengers could arrive early for take-offs or suddenly land an hour late. "It's a horrendous subject I must admit," she said. "It's like time warp in H.G. Wells isn't it?"

British Summer Time begins at 1 am tomorrow, when clocks go forward one hour. It will end at 2 am on October 29.

In Lancashire the tricky business of switching from Greenwich Mean Time to British Summer Time is more serious – police in Blackburn are insisting that a local disco, Peppermint Place, must close an hour early, at one o'clock GMT, which will be 2 am BST, despite having a licence until two o'clock GMT.

The manager, Mr Bill Gilligan, is angry about losing an hour for which he has a licence and for which his clients have paid. "All we want to do is open at nine o'clock and stay open for five hours – that's what people are paying for," he said.

He also pointed out that if the police go ahead and insist that he close at "two o'clock" they could provoke angry scenes among the customers.

It is worth noting that among several authorities consulted by Mr Gilligan on exactly when the clocks should change, the Home Office told him last week that the clocks move forward at two o'clock, *not* one.

As for his current dilemma, the Home Office said yesterday that if the police in Blackburn insist, he will have to close when they tell him to.

After all, as the Home Office points out, he will be able to stay open for an extra hour in the Autumn when the clocks change back to Greenwich Mean Time. So it all balances out in the end.



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Guildhall speech by Gorbachov

President Gorbachov will make a keynote speech in the City of London's Guildhall during his visit to Britain next week. The Soviet leader is expected to express hopes for global disarmament and raise human rights issues.

The speech, together with his meeting with the Queen at Windsor Castle, will be the main events of his visit from April 5 to 7.

Mr Gorbachov is expected to hold long talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher and to attend lunch and a banquet at Downing Street during the visit, which was postponed from last autumn after the Armenian earthquake. He is also due to visit a factory and see the sights of London.

His wife, Raisa, will carry out separate engagements, accompanied by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

Maze escaper in court

Joseph Gerard Donnelly, one of 38 members of the Provisional IRA who escaped from the Maze jail in September 1983, appeared before a Belfast court on Thursday night on 17 charges relating to the escape, during which a prison officer, was killed. Donnelly, aged 28, from the Ardoyne area of Belfast, jumped bail in April 1987 before trial on charges about the escape and had been on the run since. He was arrested in a raid on his sister's home. The charges relate to false imprisonment and hijacking.

Chase death inquiry

Essex police started an inquiry yesterday after a youth aged 18 died after crashing his van as it was being pursued by a police car. He is the eighth person to die as a result of police pursuits in the past two months. Mr Nicholas Searle, from Baddow Road, Chelmsford, died in Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, after he ignored Police Constable Dave Worsfold's flashing light and went through a red light. New police guidelines mean that only drivers with advanced training will be allowed to pursue suspect vehicles at high speed.

Nuclear waste tour

Guided tours of the intermediate-level nuclear waste store at the Dounreay atomic plant, in Caithness, are to begin in June. Mr Gerry Jordan, director at Dounreay, which has been shortlisted by Nirex, the government agency for the disposal of nuclear waste, as a possible dump site, said: "Once people can see for themselves exactly what it is, and how we can handle it, I'm sure their concern over nuclear waste will be greatly diminished".

Church fights alcohol

Churches should do more to fight the growing problem of alcohol misuse, the Church in Wales said yesterday. It recommends, in a working party report, the opening of church buildings for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and the introduction of church care and support schemes for problem drinkers. Recent statistics show that Wales has a higher percentage of heavy drinkers than England, and a 23 per cent higher death rate from cirrhosis.

Pole walk abandoned

Sir Ranulph Fiennes, the explorer, yesterday abandoned his third attempt to walk to the North Pole unsupported after covering less than 10 miles in two days. Sir Ranulph and his companion, Dr Mike Stroud, claimed to be fit, a spokesman said. "Quite simply the surface conditions were appalling", Sir Ranulph said. He was determined to try again.

Talks pledged to allay lawyers' fears on reform

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

The Government is seeking to dampen the controversy over legal reforms by assuring lawyers that the Green Papers are part of a genuine consultation process.

It is being made clear to the profession that the far-reaching proposals put forward by the Lord Chancellor are "not set in stone" and that constructive and careful arguments are being listened to by the Government.

In spite of the strength of opposition to the proposals among the legal profession and particularly the Bar, Whitehall sources yesterday indicated that a Bill implementing changes is likely to be introduced in the next session of Parliament.

"This is not a government that *turns tail and backs down*", one minister said. It is unlikely that the *Government will issue a White Paper but will proceed straight to a Bill including measures that have taken into account some of the arguments being put forward in response to Lord Mackay of Clashfern's radical proposals to make the profession more competitive.*

With the Government facing a mid-term drop in support, ministers are anxious to lower the passions that have been raised among the judiciary and leading members of the Bar before the Green Papers are debated in the House of Lords on April 7.

Forty-seven peers have put down their names to speak in the debate when the proposal are likely to come under heavy attack.

Barristers have noted, however, that the debate coincides with the final day of the visit of President Gorbachov, which is likely to result in wide coverage in the media.

"The press will be dominated by Maggie and Gorby. It will completely overshadow the debate", one QC said.

During the past few days both Lord Mackay and Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Solicitor General, have sought to reassure the profession that the Government is listening to their fears and arguments against the proposals.

Lord Mackay told *The Times* Forum on the Future of the Legal Profession that if those responding to the Green Papers convinced him the proposals were bad and needed to be modified, "modified they will be".

In the wake of ferocious attacks on the proposals, ministers accept that the legal profession has yet to be convinced that the Government is genuine in its desire for consultation.

A Westminster source said: "The trouble is that the legal profession has taken it that they are firm proposals, practically a Bill, and that nothing anybody says will make the slightest difference.

"Green Papers are for consultation and the Government is genuine in wanting consultation based on careful and constructive argument."

Ministers deny that they have been suprised at the hostility shown to the proposals, saying they expected the outcry because the Green Papers forced the profession to think deeply about future developments they would rather ignore.

They are, however, determined to prevent if possible the debate on the proposals descending into rancour and personal bitterness.

Government sources believe that if the profession accepts ministerial expressions that they are interested in genuine consultation, it will calm emotions and encourage debate among what they admit is a profession anxious and fearful about its future. *But senior figures at the Bar have been dismayed at the tenor of some of the criticisms by Conservative backbenchers of their campaign of opposition to the proposals.*

They have been annoyed at allegations that they are "muzzling" opposition among barristers to their campaign and at the claim by a Conservative MP, Mr Timothy Devlin, that they are compiling a file on him and other MPs intended for use in the future.

Last night Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the Bar, would not comment on the anger felt among barristers at the claims made in the House of Commons by Conservative barrister MPs.

But he said of the allegations that the Bar was drawing up files on MPs: "I am just dismayed they are being made. They are totally and absolutely untrue."

North Sea platform shut after explosion

By Kerry Gill

An investigation began yesterday after an explosion on a North Sea gas platform 155 miles north-east of Aberdeen.

More than 300 men on the Marathon Brae B installation were ordered to muster stations as rescue helicopters from the Scottish mainland and the North of England were scrambled.

The platform was later declared safe. Marathon, the platform's operator, said the alert lasted 45 minutes.

The explosion occurred in an electric motor in the platform's number four module. It is used to export gas condensates through the Brae-Forties pipeline to Cruden Bay, south of Peterhead.

A water deluge system was automatically set off and production immediately shut down. No fire resulted.

Company investigators and an official from the Department of Energy went to the platform early yesterday to begin inquiries. Marathon said full production was expected to resume over the weekend.

The incident comes after a series of emergencies in the North Sea oil and gas industry since Christmas. On Christmas Eve, fierce storms caused a storage tanker to break free from moorings, leading to the shutdown of three fields. Shell has been losing up to £1 million a day since the closure of its Auk and Fulmar fields. Britoil's Clyde field was the third affected.

The Brent Delta platform was shut down on New Year's Day, when a vessel in the gas compression module ruptured. A flash in an oil and gas tank on the Ninian Northern platform caused an alert in which 145 men were mustered before it was declared safe.

The West Stadrill drilling rig was ordered to shut down by the Department of Energy after an inspector discovered a number of safety defects early last month.

More than 100 North Sea workers were airlifted from the Dunlin Alpha platform later when oil pressure suddenly increased in one of the drilling wells.

Earlier this month, oil workers were airlifted from the North West Hutton platform when a leak was discovered in a gas riser connecting the installation to the Western Leg Gas System, 80 miles from Shetland.

Meanwhile, the operation to topple the remains of Occidental's Piper Alpha platform was postponed yesterday because of stormy weather. It may resume tomorrow.

The inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, in which 167 men died last July, is to resume on April 10.

March against rail link

CHRIS HARRIS



Strong winds roared like a passing express train over Swanley recreation ground in Kent yesterday as more than 2,000 people marched through the town in protest against the Channel Tunnel high speed rail link (Ronald Faux writes).

The Bank holiday weather did nothing to cool the strength of feeling against British Rail's preferred route. In a field on the edge of town overlooking the point where the link would emerge into open countryside, speakers called the line a destroyer of the environment.

Mr Mark Wolfson, Conservative MP for Sevenoaks, told the rally that the battle with British Rail had only just begun. It should now live up to the promise to have real consultation over changes. "And by changes it must mean increased tunnelling", he said.

Posters opposing the proposals proliferated in a quiet cul-de-sac of detached homes overlooking where the line would surface. One described a house there as a "Desirable residence: Worth inestimable, value nil".

Peking tour to promote business

By Richard Ford

Ninety-five British barristers and solicitors are on a mission to Peking aimed at promoting their skills in commercial law. Their target is the growing business community in China wishing to make deals with the West.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, has joined the British team at a conference dealing with investment opportunities and commercial developments in China.

His presence, with that of the Law Society's president, is seen as an attempt to impress on the Chinese the importance the British legal profession attaches to new commercial opportunities in China.

While in Peking, Sir Patrick will launch a scheme whereby 12 Chinese lawyers will come to the London School of Oriental and African Studies to learn about the English legal system and, in particular, international commercial practice.

The week-long conference is a joint venture between the Chinese and the Council of the European Bar, but the size of the delegation from Britain reflects attempts to foster closer links with the Chinese and beat competition from Australian and American lawyers.

Although few British firms are expected to open branches in Peking soon, the Law Society wants Chinese companies involved in business with the West to choose English lawyers as their agents.

A spokesman for the society said: "The Chinese have encouraged us to look at the opportunities to do business out there".

Groups from the All-China Lawyers' Association have been visiting the United Kingdom for the past two years looking at the British legal system, watching Crown and magistrates' courts at work and meeting government officials.

Sir Patrick is keen to develop the links with China and the Law Society believes that the Chinese, with little experience of international commercial legal work, have been impressed with the British legal system.

US takes soft line on nuclear update

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The United States government appears ready to compromise on the timing of the key decision to modernize short-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

Senior Labour Party politicians who have been in Washington this week say the Americans are taking a softer line than Mrs Margaret Thatcher and are not insisting on a firm decision at the Nato summit in Brussels in May.

The modernization issue looks likely to be the biggest stumbling block at the summit. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany wants the decision to develop a successor to the ageing Lance missile deferred until after the country's next election.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, who led a delegation from Labour's defence policy review team, quotes senior members of the Administration in *The Times* today as saying that the summit should produce a reaffirmation of the need for modernization rather than a specific deployment decision.

Mr Kaufman says the Americans, while wanting a decision in favour of modernization, are "more rational" in approach than Mrs Thatcher.

The defence team returned heartened by the commitments given by the Americans, led by General Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, that the Bush administration would build on the arms control initiatives of the Reagan era.

Labour's hopes of replacing its unilateralist policy with one of negotiated disarmament, placing Britain's weapons into the superpower talks, were further encouraged by the meetings in Washington.

Mr Kaufman quotes a senior Congressman's view that it would not be possible to begin another set of negotiations after the Start talks on long-range missiles without bringing in the British and French weapons.

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Fusion energy scientists defend their claims

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The British and American scientists who claim to have solved the problem of harnessing fusion energy, and thus opened the door to a limitless source of power, yesterday defended their results against the restrained scepticism of the scientific establishment.

The two scientists, Professor Martin Fleischmann of Southampton University, and Professor Stan Pons, of the University of Utah, are under siege because they have released an outline of their experiments before publication of the full details.

The announcement by the University of Utah contained too few technical details for an expert independent assessment.

Professor Pons, who was a research student under Professor Fleischmann at Southampton, said it was an idea that began "for the fun of it and to satisfy scientific curiosity".

The scientists claim to have achieved what is known as cold fusion. Most attempts to achieve controlled hydrogen fusion have assumed that hydrogen must first be heated to a temperature near that of the Sun.

The power generated in fusion is the huge amount of surplus nuclear energy that is released when two atoms of a light element, such as deuterium or tritium, are forced together to form a heavier one.

Thousands of millions of pounds have been poured into attempts over the past 30 years to harness fusion energy, the process that powers the Sun and provides the destructive forces of the hydrogen bomb.

It has involved building extraordinary machines, in which deuterium gas has first to be heated to temperatures of more than 10 million degrees Centigrade. Those incredibly high temperatures have been reached in some machines. But scientists have been unable to sustain a fusion reaction that mimics the Sun.

Now the two professors have said this has been done at room temperature in a vessel that is comparable to a car battery. The acid is replaced by deuterium-contained heavy water and the plates, or electrodes, between which the electric current flows, are made in the fusion cell from precious metals, platinum and palladium.

Powerful electric currents cause a reaction in which deuterium is absorbed by the palladium. The deuterium atoms then join together, or fuse, creating a helium atom and a release of energy.

The scientists are convinced that fusion, rather than a conventional chemical reaction, is happening because of the very large amounts of heat released.

Professor Pons said: "We think it would be reasonable, within a short number of years, to build an electric power system".

However, Professor Fleischmann said: "A great deal of work will have to go into this. The processes involved will have to be carefully checked to see if we are right or not. But it does seem there is here a possibility of realizing sustained fusion with a relatively inexpensive device."

Spokesmen for important fusion research centres in California, Princeton, New Jersey, and the Culham Laboratories, near Oxford, were reluctant to comment formally without more details. But they expressed private doubts.

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Ulster security talks sought

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was urged last night to call a meeting of politicians on the worsening security situation.

Mr John Alderdice, leader of the middle of the road Alliance Party, said the latest outbreak of murders had created an atmosphere of terror and despair.

It was time representatives of the constitutional parties got together to help the Government's fight against terrorism.

Twenty-five people have been killed by "loyalist" and republican para-military groups in Northern Ireland so far this year, 14 of them by the IRA. The IRA's victims have included two senior RUC officers shot dead on their way back from a cross-border security meeting with the Garda in Dundalk, a republican stronghold, on Monday.

Mr Alderdice said that if the province's rival political leaders could work together to help to secure the future of Belfast shipyards, there was no reason why they could not agree to a round table security conference.

"It is time to sit back and consider whether we should not be working together on behalf of the whole community — not just on economic matters — but on the vexed and difficult question of seeing if we can constructively work with the Government, and each other, against the men of violence."

In Whitehall it was pointed out that Mr King was always ready to meet Northern Ireland's constitutional politicians to discuss the way ahead.

Any round table conference would need clear objectives and adequate preparation, it was suggested.

It was not clear if the proposal for a conference was intended to seek a political solution or a strengthening of military effort against terrorism.

No inquiry into scientists' deaths

The Ministry of Defence yesterday ruled out an inquiry into the deaths of four scientists who worked at or had links with the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester (Michael Evans writes).

Allegations that their deaths may have been related to their radar work were denied.

Dr John Clarke, the latest scientist to die, had been working on microwave research for four years. A former colleague, Dr Tom Holland, who died five years ago, had worked in the same department.

Both men died of brain tumours.

The other two to die from the same causes at the Ministry of Defence research establishment were Wing Commander Al Cushman and Flight Lieutenant Tony Dunmore.

The ministry said it was satisfied that there were "stringent safety checks" at the research facility and there was no medical evidence to show they had died as a result of their "work environment".

At the inquest on Clarke, aged 44, earlier this month, an open verdict was recorded after it was disclosed that three others had died in recent years.

Mrs Pearl Clarke, his widow, said she believed there must have been a radiation leak.



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Barons battle over attracting paying guests



Mr Peter de Savary (left) and the list of forthcoming attractions at "the Land of Littlecote", his 100-acre estate near Hungerford, and Mr and Mrs Kenneth King, beside details of projected events at Avebury Manor.

By Robin Young

The battle of the property barons has been joined in Wiltshire. Mr Peter de Savary, whose 100-acre estate at Littlecote near Hungerford is marketed as "the Land of Littlecote, a time capsule of living history", is suing Mr Kenneth King, of Avebury Manor, near by, for plagiarism.

Local people say that both have been riding roughshod over local history, tradition and planning law.

Mr de Savary, whose property companies own both Land's End and John o' Groats, claims that Mr King has stolen the ideas and design for his promotional booklet, marketing circular and booking form from material to which Littlecote has copyright. Mr de Savary is also enraged because he believes Avebury Manor's announced plan of special benefits resembles his own.

Both historic homes are holding Easter egg hunts this weekend, an idea Littlecote admits having borrowed from Leeds Castle in Kent. On May 1 Littlecote is holding a folk festival and mystic fair while at Avebury there is a May Day celebration and folk festival.

Littlecote is holding a steam rally and Victorian fair for two days starting on June 3 while Avebury has a similar event the week before. Avebury will have a fun run when Littlecote holds its charity race, and in September both plan vintage car rallies.

Yesterday was the first day of opening at Avebury Manor, where Mr King faces prosecution by Kennet District Council for allegedly altering parts of his Grade I listed home without permission.

He has also been served with 22 enforcement orders for claimed breaches of planning law and notices under building regulations which have prevented him finishing most of his projected schemes.

A couple of years ago it was Mr de Savary at Littlecote who was being prosecuted by Kennet District Council for starting to turn the estate into a theme park without planning permssion. He paid his fines and got planning permission retrospectively. His plans are now fully realized.

To the consternation of the villagers in Avebury, who receive 250,000 visitors every year to the prehistoric stone circle which surrounds their homes, Mr King has advertised the manor nationally and announced that he hopes to attract 100,000 visitors paying £3.50 each for adults and £2.50 for children.

In the first hour yesterday he got three. The first couple through the gates were Mr Paul Knowler, the Littlecote's marketing manager.

NEXT WEEK

Men at work . . .



● . . . again. Britain's roads seem to be in a permanent state of disrepair. More than three million holes are dug in them every year, creating traffic havoc.

● What are all the holes for? How well is the work done? How can it be better co-ordinated? Next week, in a two-part series, *The Times* looks into the black holes.



● Time to spare over Easter? *The Times* Tournament of the Mind continues next week, with the questions, set by Mensa, becoming more difficult. There is a £5,000 prize for the individual winner. Today's round: page 29

PORTFOLIO BOND

● Two people shared yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Bond prize. They are Mrs Jean Joscelyne, of Winsford, near Minehead, Somerset, and Mr H. Garrett, of Cotton, Stowmarket, Suffolk.

● Portfolio Bond resumes on Tuesday after the Easter break.

Child benefit payment may stop for better-off mothers

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is considering stopping the payment of child benefit to better-off working mothers.

Ministers, who are drawing up proposals for the next election manifesto, are examining alternatives to the commitment to pay it to all mothers. These include aiming the benefit at families in need and those in the lower and middle tax brackets and even restricting it to non-working mothers.

The ministers believe a firm pledge in the manifesto to give more help to low-income families will quell the expected outcry from many grassroot Conservatives who want to retain child benefit as a universal payment to all mothers that is cheap to administer.

Underlying the review is the almost unanimous recognition among Conservative MPs and party workers that there is no justification for mothers in the higher tax bracket getting child benefit.

The changes to separate taxation for men and women and the computerization of benefits will also make it easier to pinpoint those families in need in the 1990s.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, is not planning a big reform of the benefit system because the last changes took effect only last year.

But a senior government source confirmed that all the different forms and levels of benefit are being looked at with "targeting" the key word. The main emphasis, he said, is "to make sure they go to those in need — and that includes child benefit".

Child benefit has been frozen at £7.25 per child for the past two years. An announcement is expected in October on whether to uprate it in April 1990.

Although there will be strong pressure from some Conservatives for Mr Moore to raise it next year because inflation is running at 7.8 per cent, it is understood that he will use next month's revolt on the benefit to test the strength of feeling before making a final decision. The revolt will come from a group of Conservative backbenchers, led by Mr Timothy Raison, MP for Aylesbury, and Mr Robin Squire, MP for Hornchurch, who have tabled an amendment to the Social Security Bill calling for child benefit to rise in line with tax allowances in April 1990.

Mr Squire said any attempt by ministers to restrict the number of families receiving the benefit would be "politically and socially disastrous".

It would be "lunatic" of the Government to drop its commitment in the next election manifesto. He argued that targeting the money on the low paid will merely create another disincentive to work and increase the poverty trap.

In the 1987 manifesto, the Conservatives pledged: "Child benefit will continue to be paid as now, and direct to the mother". But the interpretation of the controversial off-the-record briefing by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Sunday newspaper journalists last November, was that no universal benefit, except the state pension, is sacrosanct.

One objection to breaking the universality rule is that only 50 per cent of those entitled to family credit are claiming it.

Mr Moore has ordered an extensive advertising campaign next month, estimated to cost £7 million, to drive home to parents on low incomes that they may be entitled to claim family credit, which is their main income support since last year's social security reforms.

His officials believe those most in need are already receiving family credit. But a better take-up figure will strengthen the Government's case for limiting child benefit.

The final fate of child benefit will also be influenced by the report from a working party into all forms of family support, set up by leading Conservative women.

The report is expected to shy away from demanding it is paid to all mothers regardless of income after the next election.

Film tycoon is criticized by ramblers

By Edward Gorman

Mr David Puttnam, the film producer, is criticized today by the chairman of the 68,000-member Ramblers' Association.

Mr Christopher Hall, in his foreword to the annual report, issues a warning that the space and freedom for the general public to walk in the countryside are not increasing.

He says campaigning for more freedom must take second place to battling to save existing paths, and he attacks planned government legislation which could challenge footpaths on the grounds that they were marked on maps by mistake. But Mr Hall is most damning of "the Puttnam syndrome".

"As more and more *nouveaux rustiques* move into their quaint old desirable properties", Mr Hall writes, "more of them seek to close or divert paths passing through or by their residences, as film tycoon David Puttnam did last year".

Mr Hall's attack comes in the wake of a public inquiry last April after a long-running and bitter controversy over an ancient footpath which runs past the film producer's sixteenth century country retreat at Little Somerford, Wiltshire.

Mr Puttnam, chairman of the Society for the Protection of Rural England, won the right to divert the path which he argued was a threat to his privacy and security.

Surgeons outline new heart operation

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The first operation in Britain using an artifical heart made from muscle taken from the patient's chest is expected to be carried out before the end of the year.

Details of the planned treatment will be outlined by Professor Magdi Yacoub, the pioneering heart transplant surgeon, and Mr Charles Pattison, of the Brompton Hospital and National Heart and Lung Institute, at an international conference, Cardiology '89, in London next month.

It has become possible because of a discovery by a British-American research team led by Professor Larry Stephenson, at the University of Pennsylvania, and Professor Stanley Salmons, of Liverpool University.

The idea of using a patient's own skeletal muscle to repair a damaged heart was first considered 25 years ago. In theory, it offered an ideal answer to the problem of tissue rejection of donated organs; and skeletal muscle (the muscle attached to the bones) is much stronger than its counterpart in the heart.

But heart muscle is far more fatigue resistant, enabling a healthy organ to beat non-stop about two and half billion times in a lifetime — 100,000 times every 24 hours to circulate almost 2,000 gallons of blood a day.

Skeletal muscle would get cramp under such a burden, so the need for a tireless type of muscle tissue thwarted early efforts to adapt it for grafting.

The possibilities were revived when Professor Salmon and his colleagues developed a process for conditioning skeletal muscle so that it could be adapted for the heart's sustained pumping work. The conditioning, which takes six weeks, makes the skeletal muscle capable of continual contraction.

The work on conditioning, funded by the British Heart Foundation and the United States National Institute of Health, has enabled heart surgeons to devise several new approaches to remedying heart defects, which have been successful in treating animals.

One of the simpler methods of using skeletal muscle, to be described to the conference, is to wrap one end of muscle from the chest wall around part of the failing heart. The other end remains attached to its blood and nerve supplies and is stimulated by a special pacemaker.

A more difficult approach, being perfected by Professor Salmon's group, is the fabrication of a complete chamber of the heart from the non-organ tissue.

Evergreen Mini all set for a lead-free future

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

The Mini has been given a new lease of life by the switch to unleaded petrol — and improved fuel consumption figures mean the car could turn out to be an "evergreen".

The car, which celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year, is the cheapest to run in Britain using the new clean fuel.

From this month, versions of the Mini have been retuned on the assembly lines at Longbridge, Birmingham, to run on unleaded without further adjustment.

Critics had said performance and fuel economy could be impaired by unleaded petrol but Longbridge engineers have produced figures to show that the Mini is even more economical on the clean fuel.

The automatic version of the Mini will now top 50 miles to the gallon on unleaded compared with 46.1mpg on leaded at a constant speed of 56mph. For urban motoring, the manual will do 46.1mpg compared with old figures of 45.9mpg.

Rover said last night that the Mini was already the cheapest car on the road costing 15.18p a mile to run more than 20,000 miles on leaded fuel.

The introduction of unleaded versions would make it even better value, the company said.

A spokesman said: "The use of unleaded petrol has been designed into the Mini which is why there have been these substantial performance improvements.

"It is still astonishing though that a 30-year-old car can outperform its rivals after all this time." The Mini has faced the prospect of being phased out for the past decade.

But with production at Longbridge running at 800-a-week and the model a cult in important export markets such as France and Japan, the car looks set to keep going on.

Meanwhile, scientists at BP are studying a plan to produce a petrol which could be used by cars not able to take fully unleaded fuel and which would cut lead emissions by 25 per cent.

The believe that producing a petrol which is a mix of leaded and unleaded fuel would overcome the problems of some cars which, although adjusted for unleaded petrol, still have periodically to use leaded to reduce engine wear.

Magic mushrooms and Little People

By Ronald Faux

The Little People of Irish folklore may have sprung not from myth but from the halucinatory effects of the so-called "magic mushroom" *psilocybe semilanceata*, consumed two centuries ago by peasants in crude hot houses.

That unromantic notion, ranking the fey spirits of Ireland with pink elephants and unidentified flying objects, comes in the spring issue of *Archaeology Ireland* in an article entitled "Sweathouses: Puzzling and Disappearing".

Mr Anthony Weir, specialist in early Ireland and its history, laments that the stone-built sweathouses found in Co Leitrim have become endangered buildings because they are unprotected in the republic.

Only two are preserved as amenities in Northern Ireland.

According to Weir they were used as primitive saunas by the peasantry throughout Ireland and may have been connected with the consumption of the "magic mushrooms".

Soon after *Boswell and Johnson* strode through the Scottish Highlands and were divided in their view of what they found, a Frenchman, M Latocnaye, walked across Ireland and recorded the first description of a sweathouse in Co Donegal.

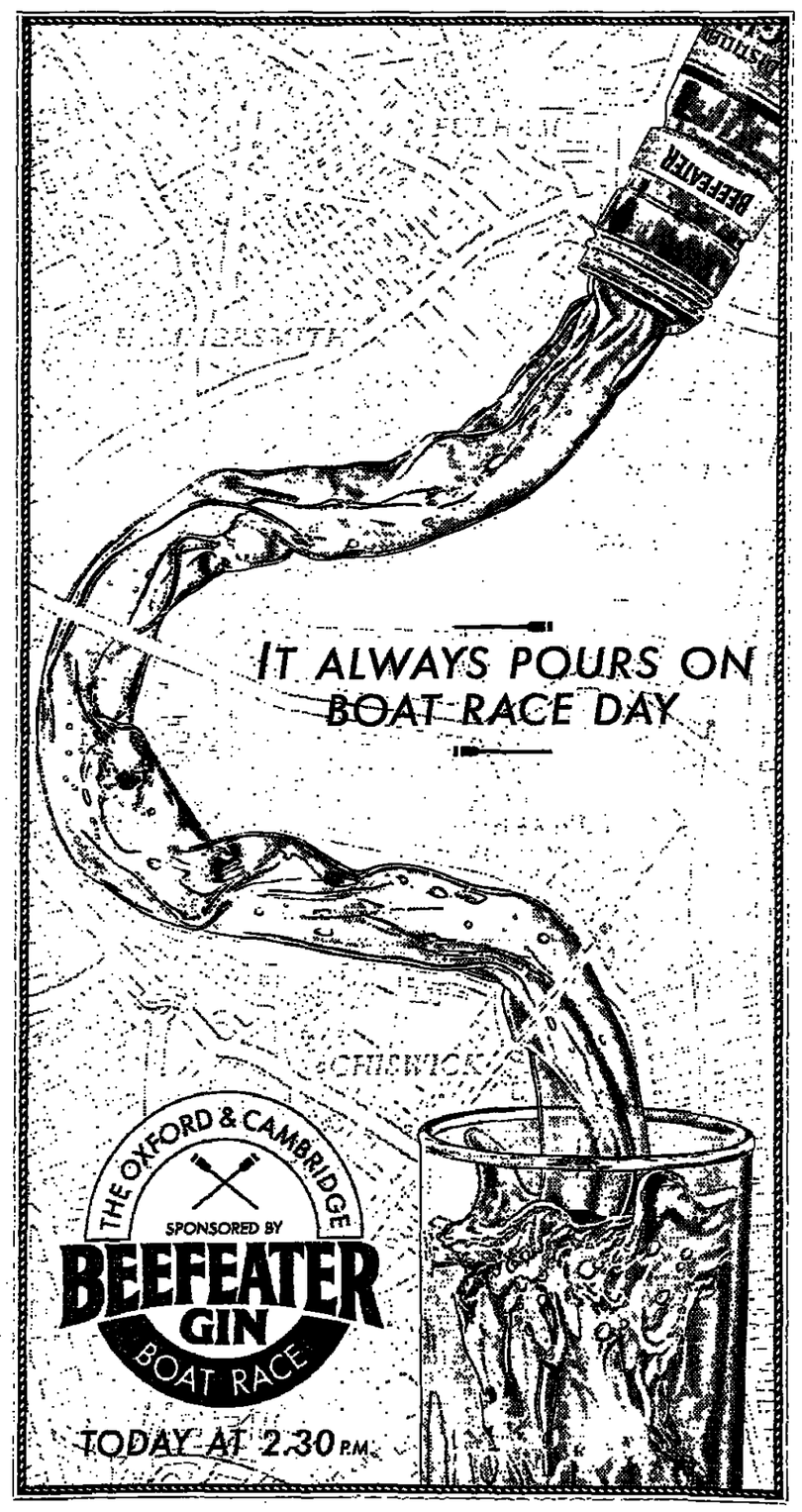
It was a building with a social purpose, heated like an oven and used as a cure for rheumatic pains and other diseases. "They heat it with turf in the way such a construction would be heated for the purpose of baking bread", M Latocnaye wrote.

When it was hot, four or five men or women, entirely naked, crept in through a little opening which was immediately closed with a piece of wood covered with dung. They remained sealed in for four or five hours. One theory suggested that the sweathouses were a legacy of the Vikings although that likelihood had been rather discounted by the absence of sweathouses in the western isles of Scotland, where the Norse influence was particularly strong.

Certainly, sweating ceremonies were known to have been held in Siberia in traditional circular tents where the Fly Agaric mushroom was also consumed. Mr Weir points out that Irish sweat houses were most popular in autumn when the "magic mushrooms" were abundant.

Hence the notion that the Little People of Irish folklore could be descended from the mists of halucination rather than time.

Mr Weir said that even young Irishmen he had talked to who had taken the magic mushrooms afterwards believed they could see fairies.



Public confusion rises on salmonella crisis

Ministry officials refuse to clarify food checklist

By David Nicholson-Lord

The Government's information service has refused to respond to a 20-point food safety checklist put to it by *The Times*, claiming the information is already in the "public domain".

The checklist sought to clarify public statements made during the recent salmonella controversy. Public access to the facts can be measured by the Consumers' Association's reaction to the checklist. Of the 20 statements, it had sufficient information to pass comment on only six, while questioning a seventh.

The Department of Health's and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's refusal to clarify points is all the more surprising as it comes after an attack in Parliament by a junior minister and a senior Conservative backbencher on "knowalls and busy-bodies" accused of scaremongering.

It also coincides with a poll by the National Consumer Council showing that a third of consumers feel they do not have enough information to be confident about the food they buy. Nearly two thirds believe the Government should be providing that information.

The attitudes of the department and the ministry have been criticized by the Consumers' Association, the London Food Commission and the NCC, which said the ministries had "clearly failed" in their duty to consumers.

The Times's request for clarification was made after Mr Richard Ryder, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mr Jerry Wiggin, chairman of the select committee on agriculture, criticized television and some food experts for disseminating propaganda and "flimsy advice".

The Ministry of Agriculture said: "We have said it all many times before". The Department of Health said the information was "all out there" but refused to allow a *Times* reporter to visit its information office to be shown where the data were available. Eventually, the ministries relented on one of the 20 points. After repeated requests, they denied a statement that the salmonella epidemic started with imports of fish meal.

The Ministry of Agriculture said information could be found in the joint memorandum submitted to the select committee on agriculture by the ministry and the Department of Health. Examination of the document shows that to be far from true. Indeed, the memorandum was said by the committee to put "a convenient gloss on events".

Another course recommended by the ministries was to consult the committee's 371-page report and evidence — available at £20.10.

Ms Anna Bradley, head of the Consumers' Association's food and health group, said: "Given the degree of consumer confusion over food, the Government is honour bound to take every opportunity to clarify the situation." She said she suspected that much important information was not in the public domain.

Before the salmonella-in-eggs controversy, most of the information on salmonella and eggs was not public. "We asked to see it and were told *no.*"

The situation had improved, but much information remained confidential. Examples included communicable disease reports issued by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Dr Tim Lang, director of the London Food Commission, described the ministries' refusal to respond to the checklist as deeply regrettable and evidence of a new policy of official silence. He said many organizations had failed to get adequate information from the ministries.

"They are saying nothing and hoping it will all go away. Ministries that should be answerable to the public and which are paid for by you and me are refusing to clarify genuine causes of public concern."

Questions that cannot be answered

The checklist and Consumers' Association answers are as follows:

The Times: Britain is facing the worst salmonella epidemic on record.

Consumers' Association: This is an academic question: what constitutes an epidemic?

T: One egg in 7,000 is infected with salmonella.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: At least one person a week dies from eating salmonella-infected eggs.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Although people are eating fewer eggs and probably cooking them longer, salmonella poisoning is increasing by 15 per cent compared with last year.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: The true incidence of salmonella poisoning may be 100 times the number of reported cases.

CA: *Yes — or it may be as little as 10 times.*

T: The salmonella epidemic began a decade ago with cheap imports of South American fish meal.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Scientific advisers tried to introduce safeguards then, but because of pressure from industry, coupled with the extra cost of properly sterilizing the feed, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food rejected their advice.

CA: *Yes — we understand that to be the case.*

T: Salmonella enteritidis cases increased six-fold between 1982 and 1987, yet no action was taken until late in 1988.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: One in five UK flocks is heavily infected.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Very few flocks infected with salmonella have been destroyed.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: There were no prosecutions after a ministry survey in 1987 found that a quarter of protein processing plants were infected.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: A contributory factor to the spread of salmonella enteritidis phase four was diseased chicken carcasses in chicken feed. Such carcasses are still used.

CA: *Yes, we understand this to be true.*

T: No research has been done to confirm the claim that free-range eggs are more liable to be infected with salmonella.

CA: *Not exactly: no proven research has been carried out.*

T: The UK breeding flock is genetically inbred and this is linked to the spread of salmonella enteritidis.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Bacteria capable of growth in refrigerated foods may be responsible for up to 40 per cent of food poisoning in Britain.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Most fridges operate at temperatures conducive to the growth of listeria.

CA: Yes, *this is probably true.*

T: The cook-chill system recommended by the Department of Health is vulnerable to listeria infection and extending it to hospitals poses dangers for people in a high-risk category.

CA: *Yes, this is probably true.*

T: The department has repeatedly rejected evidence linking listeria in food to the rising incidence of listeriosis.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: The Agricultural and Food Research Council has cut its workforce by a third and is preparing to lay off more staff, and cut food research by £2.1 million a year.

CA: *We don't know.*

T: Only 10 per cent of British abattoirs meet licensing requirements to export meat to other EEC countries.

CA: *We don't know.*

When in South Shields ...

IAN HORROCKS



For the first time in 16 centuries, the Roman forts of Arbeia, in South Shields, Tyne and Wear, are to be patrolled by guards in Roman regalia. A group calling itself Cohors Quinta Gallorum has been established by South Tyneside council and goes on duty today at the third century military settlement. On guard are Miss Alex Croom (centre), the cohort secretary, and (from left) Danny Luther, Paul Carrich and Kevin Inkster.

Union's equality action plan

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The National Union of Civil and Public Servants is asking its members to endorse a controversial programme of positive action for women, ethnic minorites and homosexuals.

The executive of the second-biggest Civil Service union announced yesterday that it will put the action plan to a national vote at its annual conference in May.

Union officials want government departments to negotiate agreements ensuring the prevention of sexual harassment, making it a disciplinary offence.

The officials say child-care provision needs to be improved as a matter of urgency, with a comprehensive network in place within five years. Maternity leave should be extended immediately to 18 weeks.

Under the proposals, all reporting officers will be trained to avoid making discriminatory assumptions. Programmes will be developed to ensure that people from ethnic minorities are recruited and promoted to all grades in the Civil Service.

The union officials want all Civil Service posts opened to those who have disabilities. Managers and employees will also be asked to include consideration of issues affecting lesbians and gay men, with partners' rights recognized for all employees.

Fowler is accused over TV unions

By Kevin Eason

The Government was accused last night of suppressing a report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission claimed to clear film and television unions of restrictive labour practices.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said the 11-month inquiry amounted to an embarrassing "slap in the face" for the Government.

Ministers took the unprecedented step of calling in the commission last March after criticizing the film and television industry for being the "last bastion of trades union restrictive practices".

The investigation came after disputes including a year-long strike by technicians at TV-am. At least seven unions were interviewed.

They included the Musicians' Union, the actors' union, Equity, and the two most powerful in the industry — the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance, which has 30,000 members, and the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, with 28,000.

The report was delivered to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, in February. The Department of Employment confirmed yesterday that he was considering the findings.

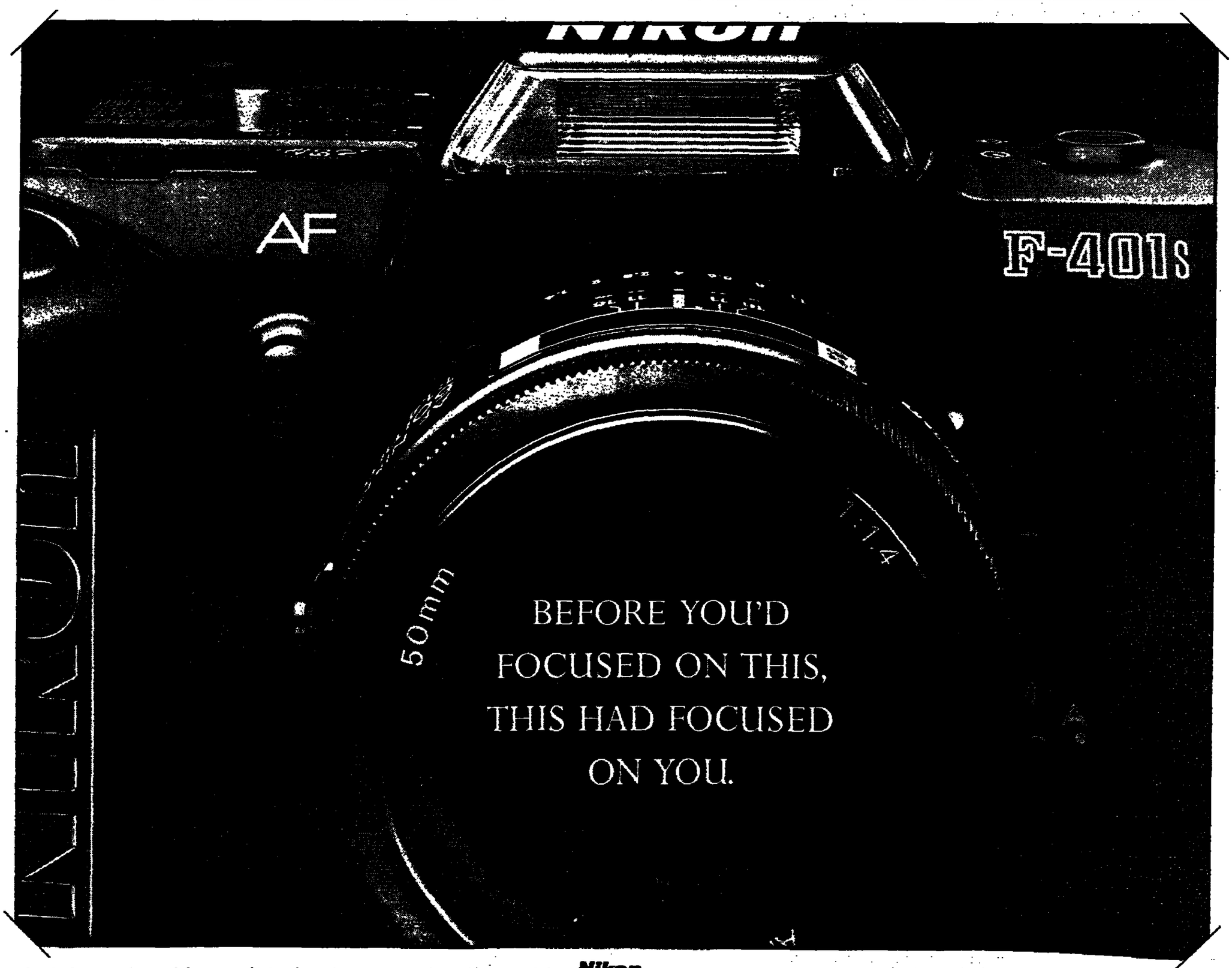
However, Mr Willis challenged Mr Fowler to publish the report immediately to reveal its conclusions on labour practices in the industry and in particular the post-entry closed shop.

Film and television is a key area still operating compulsory union membership for workers joining the industry.

TUC leaders say that the Government pre-empted the commission's report by issuing its Green Paper, *Removing Barriers to Employment*, without releasing the commission findings for discussion first.

Mr Willis, in a letter to Mr Fowler, said: "The report has been in your possession for six weeks. Its conclusions are of vital and direct relevance to the issues now being advanced in the Green Paper.

"I hope you publish it without delay. In present circumstances, the Government stands accused of suppressing a report which contradicts its earlier claims."



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TUC officials fear exam boycott may split dons' union

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Leading trade union officials fear that the lecturers' union involved in a protracted boycott of examinations may irrevocably split as large numbers of academics defect to moderate unions.

According to sources close to the national executive of the Trades Union Congress, many lecturers are unwilling to continue the boycott, which threatens the careers of 70,000 students due to sit finals this summer.

The Professional Association of Teachers, which doubled its membership to more than 40,000 between 1982 and 1987 as a result of disaffection with striking teachers, said yesterday there had been a "substantial increase in the level of interest in joining from academics".

Dr John Andrews, the association's assistant general secretary, has had more than 500 enquiries from academics in the past few weeks.

"That might not sound very much but since we have only a handful of university academics on our books, the increase is startling", he said.

The association recently launched a recruiting drive in the tertiary education sector. Dr Andrews said the the Association of University Teachers' executive rejection of a 6 per cent pay offer for 1989-90 and 0.5 per cent for last year was "perfect for our recruiting campaign".

However, several regional offices of the AUT reported that more academics had chosen to join the union than had left because of the exam boycott. This week the National Union of Students announced that while it supported the academics' case for more pay, other options were open to dons, such as setting but not marking examinations and taking strike action, which would be less damaging to students.

Members of the Association of University Teachers will vote on whether to continue the boycott on April 17. An increasing number of universities are making contingency plans to award degrees without examinations — though some are unable to do so because of restrictive university statutes and charters.

The National Union of Students rejected the award of degrees by panels of assessors or on the basis of course work because those involved methods for which students had not prepared.

Bath University said yesterday that staff in several schools had agreed to set exams and that the university planned to reschedule disrupted tests. However, there was "no intention of awarding degrees by any other methods".

A number of local unions have adopted a more moderate stance. The local branches of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge have agreed to set final and other summer examinations but will withold marks while the dispute continues.

At Surrey, a senior university source said discussions over the recent pay offer were "very amicable" and examinations were expected to go ahead as normal. At York, Newcastle, London, Leicester, Belfast and Bradford, spokesmen said the deadlines for summer examinations were distant enough for vice-chancellors to await the outcome of the lecturers' ballot.

This week Leeds University students were sent home with a letter from Mr J J Walsh, the university registrar, advising them that if the boycott continued there was no practical way of awarding degrees and that damage to the careers of graduates would be permanent.

Nottingham University said its finalists might find themselves in a similar position.

While dons at St Andrews have accepted the vice-chancellors' offer, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Bristol, Keele, Birmingham and Warwick all plan to allow degrees to be awarded by external examiners.

Teachers were told by union leaders last night not to let political squabbling mar their annual conference as in previous years (David Tytler writes).

The leaders of the National Union of Teachers believe that their cause has been badly damaged by what they see as the irresponsible behaviour of some teachers.

On the eve of the conference which opens in Blackpool today, Mr Doug McAvoy, general secretary designate, said: "I would hope that there can be a greater unity, recognizing as we must that political factions weaken the voice of the union in discussions with government, governors and employers".

Artist's ode to Shelley



Louise Vines, the artist, perching on a ladder, dwarfed by the mighty oak tree she has just finished painting on the side of a house in Poland Street in Soho, central London, where the poet Shelley once lived. Her painting, inspired by Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind", is the first work of its kind to be painted on a listed building in London. The painting, 48ft by 34ft, has the support of English Heritage, The Soho Society and Westminster Arts Council. It complements the architectural features of the building and the surrounding area.

Broadcasting Press Guild awards

Death on the Rock 'best documentary'

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Three radio and television programmes that have infuriated the Government were awarded broadcasting journalism prizes yesterday.

"Death on the Rock", *Tumbledown*, and *My Country, Right or Wrong* were honoured by the Broadcasting Press Guild, whose 90 members write about television and radio in the national, regional and trade press.

"Death on the Rock", the Thames Television documentary about the killing of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar, was screened in spite of vehement protests by the Government.

The programme, which was cleared of most ministerial criticisms by an independent inquiry, was voted the best single documentary.

Tumbledown, the dramatized story of Lieutenant Robert Lawrence, badly injured in the Falklands, was bitterly criticized by the Ministry of Defence and shown by the BBC only after editing. It was voted best single drama.

Both programmes won awards last Sunday from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (Bafta) in London.

My Country, Right or Wrong, a BBC Radio 4 series about the British security system, attracted an injunction brought by the Attorney General, which delayed transmission — although the programmes had been passed by the D-Notice Committee.

The Broadcasting Press Guild said the series made an outstanding contribution to radio.

Channel 4's drama series, *A Very British Coup*, about the security services' efforts to oust a left-wing British Prime Minister, was voted best drama series. Ray McAnally, who played the Prime Minister, was named best actor.

The late Radio 2 presenter Ray Moore was given a posthumous award for the pleasure and entertainment he gave to his listeners.

● The RSPCA has protested to the producers of *East-Enders* for the "casual treatment" of dog fighting in the soap opera.

Ali and Mehmet Osman, two characters in the series, were seen with American pit bull terriers in a recent episode, Mr Gavin Grant, the charity's public relations director, said yesterday.

"Apart from one or two expressions of distaste, there has been no condemnation from the residents of Albert Square and far from there being any legal retribution, the only outcome seems to have been a win of several hundred pounds by Mehmet", he added.

He has written to Mr Mike Gibbon, the producer of East-Enders, complaining about the portrayal of dogfighting.

"In a series that has dealt sensitively with other criminal activities such as rape and murder, where the perpetrator has paid the penalty for his crime, it is unbelievable that dog fighting is being featured as apparently no more than a slightly suspect hobby", Mr Grant said.

The RSPCA wants the *East-Enders* production team to develop the story to a proper conclusion so viewers will be in no doubt about the barbarity of dog fighting and the legal penalties for becoming involved.

Teacher wins time-off battle

By Kerry Gill

A schoolteacher ought to have been allowed time off to attend an important union meeting, an industrial tribunal ruled in Glasgow yesterday.

The tribunal heard that Central Regional Council's education department had refused Mr Roy Robertson, an official of the National Union of Schoolteachers and Union of Women Teachers, permission to attend the meeting last August as it would have been disruptive to pupils at the start of the school session.

His employers also said that the refusal was because Mr Robertson had already had a considerable amount of time off. He was seeking a ruling by the tribunal that he was entitled to time off on August 25 last year under the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act, 1978.

The council argued that the NUS/UWT was not a recognized trade union in the terms of the Act.

However, the tribunal ruled that the union was recognized by the education authority and represented on the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee, the national negotiating body.

A department official also gave evidence saying that he would expect Mr Roberston to represent his members at disciplinary proceedings.

The union asked the council to allow Mr Robertson, a teacher at Alva Primary School, to attend a meeting on a staffing review and proposed legislation for school boards.

Mr Alex Watson, depute director of education, said if the meeting were so important, it could have been held in the summer holidays.

The tribunal said that over the past five years Mr Robertson had been given time off to attend union meetings at precisely the same time. It ruled that the request for time off should have been granted.

£250,000 quest to design 'thinking' computer

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British scientists have been awarded a government contract to design a machine that can mimic the human mind to solve problems.

Researchers at Imperial College, London, have been given £250,000 by the Department of Trade and Industry to develop microchips which consist of thousands of circuits that are interconnected like brain cells.

These electronic equivalents of brain cells are called neural networks.

Under the three-year contract a number of special neural networks will be designed and interlinked to create a neural computer. The project has gone to an internationally recognized pioneering research team working with Professor Igor Aleksander. Their research has focused on ways of devising new machines that solve problems that are difficult even for existing supercomputers such as image recognition, which includes recognizing faces or identifying the geographical features on a map.

With their so-called "number-crunching" power, modern computers carry out millions of complex calculations a second. But it is of little use in trying to imitate the way people form a visual image in their mind from picturing the signals they receive from the eye.

Professor Aleksander was one of the team of British scientists who first demonstrated a practical "neural computer", the Wisard, which was able to pick out engineering components from a production line after being trained what to look for, like a human quality control engineer.

Research into neural computing is now a multi-million pound scientific endeavour, with scientists in the United States and Japan working hard to bring more "thinking" computers into the commercial market place.

However, the majority of the research has concentrated on turning conventional computers into neural computers by feeding them with suitable computer programs.

Professor Aleksander has made a special study of a type of neural computer in which simple electronic components are used to take the place of the brain cells, or neurons, that make up the human mind. Now the DTI has decided to fund his team to make the microchips necessary to build a sophisticated neural net capable of solving problems which would be all but impossible to solve using conventional computers.

One of the projects being funded is to design a neural computer with the equivalent of 16 million "brain cells".

Although containing far fewer than the number of neurons in the human brain, such a machine is likely to be capable of solving some human-like tasks, such as recognizing an object when only part is shown to the machine via a television camera.

Neural nets have the unique ability to work from incomplete or even partially incorrect data, and still carry out tasks accurately.

Green Belt test case

Medieval city fighting to keep ahead

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

A battle between industrial and environmental interests is developing for the future of the historic city of Chester.

The conflict, whose outcome is likely to have wide-ranging national implications for the future of the Green Belt, arises from the tension between the city's old identity as a jewel of Britain's heritage, with its Roman walls and medieval shops, and its new one as the most successful northern example of the Thatcherite industrial revolution.

Conservative and Labour members of the city council are likely to unite to fight the decision of a Department of the Environment planning inspector that 1,000 acres of Green Belt land in the Cheshire countryside around the city must not be taken for housing and proposed industrial development that would include a high-tech business park likely to produce up to 1,000 new jobs.

The inspector, whose decision was announced this week, shares the feeling of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, and of Chester's Social and Liberal Democrats, that the plan would be the beginning of the end of the city's historic character.

But the leaders of the city council, who believe that the plan is essential to maintain the impetus of their economic growth, say that the inspector's decision is disastrous and that they will try to have it overturned.

Should they do so, they may find themselves challenged by the CPRE in the High Court.

The matter will eventually land on the desk of Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, and will present him with the most difficult case yet of the resistance-to-development syndrome he named Nimby — not in my back yard.

The acuteness of the conflict over the city arises from the strength of each of its twin identities, ancient and modern.

The Roman Deva was for 300 years headquarters of the twentieth legion — *Valeria Victrix*, the Conquering Valerian, whose badge was a wild boar — and modern Chester still preserves many Roman remains. With the river Dee flowing through the city, the Cheshire countryside creeping right up to it, and the mountains of North Wales a few miles away, the cathedral city is not only a prime tourist attraction but one of the most agreeable places to live in the North, and that has undoubtedly been a principal factor in its recent economic success.

Companies such as Marks & Spencer's financial services arm and Shell Chemicals have relocated to Chester, bringing thousands of new jobs in the past four years to an area that has shared the high unemployment rates of another, grimmer neighbour, — Merseyside.

Local unemployment has been cut from 18 to 14 per cent and is still falling, and even more important for business confidence, the city is getting a reputation as a modern industrial boom town such as Reading or Cambridge in the South: this is where, in the North, the Thatcher entrepreneurial revolution has "trickled down to" in the way the present Government has always hoped.

It is the rejection, announced this week after a public inquiry by Mr L J Gray, a Department of the Environment inspector, of the city's next economic move forward — the Chester local plan — that has put Chester's exciting future on collision course with its magnificent past.

The plan called for 300 acres immediately, and a further 700 acres later on, to be removed from the Green Belt around the city for housing and industrial development.

The latter would include a high-technology business park near the M53 which links Chester with Liverpool and the national motorway network which it was hoped would provide up to 1,000 new jobs.

But the inspector stated: "No exceptional circumstances have been demonstrated for the large-scale alterations to the detailed Green Belt boundaries defined in the adopted local plan and which, I believe, would have an adverse effect on the character of the historic city."

The decision delighted the Council for the Protection of Rural England, which had early on identified the national implications of the situation in Chester.

"This is sweet justice for a northern Green Belt grievously assaulted by the authority charged with the duty of protecting it", Mr Andrew Purkis, CPRE's director, said.

Mr Purkis added: "Chester City Council must bow to independent opinion and withdraw its grandiose plans to allow the city to sprawl outwards".

Chester City Council does not see it that way. Mr Richard Short, leader-elect of the 30-member controlling Tory group, said: "What this decision means is stagnation for Chester. It means the loss of tremendous opportunities for jobs and housing for our young people, unless it is overturned.

"I do not doubt that people in Chester once objected to the Romans changing to the Saxons, and then the Middle Ages changing to the Elizabethans, but it had to happen because the world does not stand still. We have got to go forward and we will fight this decision."

Mr John Price, his opposite number on the Labour benches, said: "We are bitterly disappointed. We want Chester to continue to be a boom town."

But although the 30-strong Tory and 18-strong Labour groups on the 60-member council (there is one independent) are likely to present a united front, the council is not unanimous.

The 11 Democrats think the inspector is right.

The Chester local plan will now go back to the city council for reconsideration in the light of the inspector's comments, which, however, are not binding.

The council may ignore them. If it does, it will have a fight on its hands.

Time to celebrate

ANDY WATTS



Delighted protesters celebrate the reprieve of the George Hotel, Nailsworth, Gloucestershire, after Stroud District Council voted to include it in an extended conservation area. McCarthy & Stone, owners of the handsome 1840s building, want to demolish it to build old people's housing. Requests earlier this week by the council and the conservation group, Save Britain's Heritage, to spot-list it as of historical and architectural interest were rejected by the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission (English Heritage). A demolition team arrived last Monday but was thwarted by demonstrators who climbed on to the roof and staged a sit-in. McCarthy & Stone said they had received a letter from the council on March 8 approving demolition, with no suggestion that it might be listed.

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Bush signs 'gentlemen's agreement'

Accord gives Contra rebels a year's non-military aid

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Bush and congressional leaders yesterday signed a far-reaching agreement laying out a bipartisan Central American policy under which the Nicaraguan Contras, a battered army without bullets to fight, will receive non-military funding to keep them intact until next February.

The accord followed three weeks of intensive negotiations between Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, and congressional leaders of both parties. It was signed in the White House, with President Bush saying that it marked the fulfilment of his pledge to pursue a bipartisan foreign policy.

The moderate tone of his remarks was a far cry from the belligerent position adopted by former President Reagan. He spoke optimistically about the prospects for democracy in Central America, with resources devoted to social ends instead of military defence.

He challenged the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua to comply with its promises of democracy. And he added pointedly that Moscow had an obligation to demonstrate its new thinking.

"In Central America, what we have seen to date is only old thinking. The Soviet Union has no legitimate security interests in Central America. The United States has many. We reject any doctrine of equivalence in the region. The Soviet Union and Cuba have an obligation to stop violating the provisions of the Esquibulas accord," he declared.

In large measure, the Contras owe their continued survival to the Honduran Government, which wants the rebels off its territory. But eventually it relented under US pressure to let them remain in the jungle region along the southern border with Nicaragua.

It is the first time that Democrats and Republicans have agreed a clear-cut policy towards the rebels, believed to number more than 10,000, who grew into the most lavishly funded guerrilla group that Central America has known, thanks to the Reagan Administration.

The tentative plan is to give the rebels about $4.5 million (£2.6 million) a month — roughly what they are receiving under present US funding levels — to provide food, clothing, shelter and medical supplies. The cut-off date coincides with elections promised by Nicaragua.

The plan will be subject to congressional review in November. Any one of four relevant congressional committees could veto the aid then if they concluded that the Administration was not acting in good faith to promote a peace settlement.

The Contras lost US military aid in February 1988. They have gradually retreated since to base camps in Honduras, awaiting political developments in Washington, getting six-month non-military aid packages. The present allocation expires at the end of the month.

The new accord is essentially the product of negotiations between Mr Baker and Mr Jim Wright, the Democrat Speaker of the House of Representatives, who has taken a keen personal interest in the Contra issue. Congressional Democrats are adamant that the rebels will not receive further military assistance from the US.

President Bush met Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the White House yesterday to discuss details of the pact, which is being described as a "gentlemen's agreement" without force of law.

One crucial condition of the agreement is that aid will be halted immediately if the Contras attempt combat operations against Nicaragua or mount cross-border raids.

The new aid contains provision for resettling Contras wanting to return home "under safe and democratic conditions" — meeting a call by Central American presidents last month for "voluntary demobilization, repatriation or relocation" of rebels in Honduras.

Strong protest by Dutch

The Hague (AP) — The Netherlands has issued a "strong protest" to El Salvador over the killing of a Dutch cameraman covering the Salvadorean elections, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

***Cornel Lagrouw, whose body arrived home early yesterday,* died five days ago in crossfire between left-wing guerrillas and government troops. The Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr Hans van den Broek, told the Salvadorean Ambassador, Señor Rafael Zalvidar Brizuela, that a preliminary report by the Salvadorean Army on the incident was "insufficient".**

A military eye on the Via Dolorosa



Israeli border guards, keeping a close eye on the Old City, look down upon thousands of pilgrims from many parts of the world, many of them carrying crosses, as the crowds retrace the last steps of Christ along the Via Dolorosa yesterday.

Camp David treaty endures despite 10 years of false hopes

From Richard Owen
Jerusalem

Anwar Sadat, the former President of Egypt, is long dead, shot by Islamic fundamentalists at a military parade in Cairo in 1981 because he had dared to sign a peace treaty with Israel two years earlier.

Mr Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister and Sadat's co-signatory, is a recluse and has refused to comment on politics since his sudden retirement in 1983 in the aftermath of Israel's disastrous decision to invade Lebanon.

But, tinged though it may be with disappointment and false hopes, the treaty endures, and tomorrow marks its tenth anniversary. But there will be few formal ceremonies.

The prospect of a summit meeting between President Mubarak and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, successors to Sadat and Mr Begin, remains remote. Egypt, now a key player in the Middle East peace process, insists that Mr Shamir must first change his stance on talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



Mr Begin: Today a recluse who refuses to comment on politics.

President Mubarak this weekend holds talks in Cairo with King Husain of Jordan and Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, on the next stage in the peace process. On Monday he meets King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, launching his own diplomatic foray in Egypt and Iraq.

What is remarkable for those who took part in the Camp David process which led to the treaty, such as Mr Eliahu Ben-Elissar, Israel's first Ambassador in Cairo and now chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee, is that the bilateral peace between Jerusalem and Cairo appears irreversible.

"Ten years ago, not one of us, Israelis, Egyptians or Americans, was completely convinced that the peace would last for 10 years," he said yesterday.

What bitterly disappoints many Israelis — and many Egyptians — is that Israel's first peace treaty with an Arab state has not been followed by a wider peace settlement.

For this, many observers, including Mr Ezer Weizman, the Israeli Minister of Environmental Quality, who was in Cairo this week for a seminar on the treaty, blame Mr Shamir and his hardline refusal to consider international peace talks attended by the PLO.

"One has to have a partner on the other side to conduct negotiations with," Mr Weizman told the leading *al-Ahram* newspaper. "In my opinion Yassir Arafat is the right partner."

Many Israelis are also disappointed that Egypt has failed to send tourists, academics and businessmen to Israel in large numbers. Egypt has gradually edged back into the Arab fold, and has kept its relations with Israel correct rather than warm.

As I found on returning to Jerusalem by taxi via Rafah on the Mediterranean coast, Egyptian police at border checkpoints are suspicious of lone travellers, and travel between Israel and Egypt is confined to a daily bus.

The Palestinian problem is a continuing source of tension. "The Israelis are still the enemy," said the driver who took me to the border, an Arab from Gaza (now in Israeli occupied territory) who sported PLO stickers on his car and kept firing an imaginary gun out of the window.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry yesterday deplored "the slow pace of normalization" and said the Egyptian media had failed to promote a positive attitude. Egypt regained Sinai, one official said, but the other benefits of peace were yet to come.

Real peace, analysts say, will come only when the Egypt-Israel treaty is followed by others, which in turn depends on a solution to the Palestinian problem, now given greater urgency by the *intifada*.

When President Mubarak met Israeli journalists in Cairo this week, he urged Israel to talk to the PLO to achieve a breakthrough, asking: "What are you afraid of?" — "Terrorism," came one reply. President Mubarak responded that Mr Arafat was a moderate who had genuinely renounced terrorism, and urged Israel to show flexibility and understanding to avoid "another 40 years of destruction".

For Israel, however, the paramount factor, despite the "old peace" with Egypt, remains security. As one diplomat said yesterday: "The treaty with Egypt has helped, but there is still a long way to go."

● **ATLANTA:** Discussing the anniversary of the treaty which he *was instrumental in bringing* about, former President Jimmy Carter said here that ordinary people throughout the Middle East wanted peace, adding: "The obstacle has always been leaders who were overly timid, or who were demagogues, or who were uncertain about the results that might occur if they made an initiative move."

Intifada thins out Old City pilgrims

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem

Thousands of Christian pilgrims converged on the narrow streets of Jerusalem's Old City yesterday to follow the *Via Dolorosa*, the path of Christ's Passion and Crucifixion. But the 15-month *intifada* took its toll, and crowds were thinner than usual.

"Families here have sons in prison, or sons who died," said a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Michel Sabbah, who is himself a Palestinian Arab. "The sufferings here underline the sufferings of Christ on Good Friday. There will be little joy to celebrate on Easter Sunday."

At the first station of the Cross, the site of the Romanera Antonia Fortress, a variety of Christian groups gathered round the indentation in the smooth stone floor said to be the spot where Christ stood when he was condemned to death — German nuns, weeping and praying; Franciscan monks in brown cassocks; and Arab Christians from near Bethlehem, resplendent in black robes and red sashes.

All the groups in the procession carried heavy wooden crosses and sang hymns as they walked past Arab street traders in the *souk*, selling carpets, sweet pastries and souvenirs. "It is very bad for business," one shopkeeper said, evidently regarding Easter as an opportunity for commerce. "No tourists."

Yesterday Israeli troops kept a discreet but watchful eye on the proceedings.

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Christ's Crucifixion and burial, pilgrims crowded into the crypt to see the tomb from which Christ rose again.

"We are awestruck," said Mr James Stanford, from Leicester, who had come with his wife, Paula, on "the pilgrimage of a lifetime" to give thanks in Jerusalem for 25 years of marriage.

Had they been worried by violence or the presence of soldiers? "Not at all," Mrs Stanford said. "The soldiers are a bit like British policemen. So helpful when you get lost."

● **ROME:** The Pope heard confessions yesterday of seven Catholics chosen at random from thousands in St Peter's Basilica (Reuter reports).

Wearing a dark mantle over his white cassock, the Pope spent 70 minutes hearing the confessions of a West German religion teacher, two Roman bus drivers, two Italian army cadets and a mother and son from Verona.

● **SAN PEDRO CUTUD:** Seven men had themselves nailed to wooden crosses in this northern Philippines village and thousands more Christians paraded in the streets whipping themselves in observance of Good Friday.

Beirut (AFP) — Amid an unofficial halt to clashes between the Army and Syrian-led forces, General Michel Aoun, head of the Christian alternative government, yesterday urged Lebanese to eject the 35,000 Syrian troops in the country, even if it meant the destruction of Beirut.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pakistan likely to rejoin the fold

Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, is expected to attend the Commonwealth heads of government conference in Kuala Lumpur in October, according to sources in London (Andrew McEwen writes). Islamabad has not applied to rejoin the organization it left in 1972, but Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, who flies to Islamabad tomorrow, will discuss the matter with Miss Bhutto.

The Commonwealth Secretariat in London is working on the assumption that there will be an application in time for the Malaysian meeting. Pakistan would become the 49th state of the organization and the first to return to it. The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Sir Shridath Ramphal, is thought to have found no objections.

Pakistan would not return unless it felt confident of being welcomed, but its restoration of democracy and the rapprochement with India have virtually assured this.

Threat to moderates

Jerusalem — Palestinians said yesterday that masked militants *from the Popular Front for the Liberation of* Palestine had threatened leading Arab moderates in the West Bank town of Nablus with death if they continued a dialogue with Israeli officials (Richard Owen writes).

The death threats reflect growing tension between the mainstream PLO and such extreme factions as the Front over thw possibility of an accommodation with Israel. Separately, the Knesset agreed an £11-million budget for Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

Nepal lifelines cut

Kathmandu (Reuter) — Nepal's lifelines were almost completely cut yesterday as India closed 11 of 13 vital routes *from the Himalayan nation as part of a trade dispute.* Treaties between the countries expired on Thursday with negotiations for renewal at an impasse. The Nepali Foreign Minister, Mr Shailendra Upadhyaya, leaves for Delhi tomorrow in an effort to revive them. Nepal relies on India for almost half its total imports and most essential commodities.

Bribe inquiry widens

Tokyo (AFP) — The Tokyo Public Prosecutor's office is to question government and ruling Liberal Democratic Party leaders for their alleged involvement in the Recruit stock trading scandal, Japanese newspapers reported yesterday. They said the prosecutors had finished questioning the secretaries of Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Japanese Prime Minister, and his predecessor, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, in connection with Recruit shares received as alleged bribes.

Pretoria adamant

Cape Town (Reuter) — Mr Sadtle Thusi, a critically-ill detainee who has refused food for five weeks to back his demand to be freed or charged, must start eating before South Africa will consider his release, the Department of Law and Order said yesterday. Mr Thusi, aged 26, joined a nationwide anti-detention hunger strike on February 18. He underwent ear surgery on Thursday as a result of the fast and *his sister-in-law said she thought he would die.*

March for democracy

Dhaka — Tens of thousands marched here calling for democracy and free elections yesterday, the seventh anniversary of the coup which brought President Ershad to power and the imposition of martial law for the second time since independence in 1972 (Ahmed Fazl writes). "We want genuine elections and a return to democracy, not a rule by generals," Sheikha Hasina Wazed, head of the opposition Awami League, told 50,000 marchers.

Yeltsin likely to overcome election slur 'campaign'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the popular former Moscow Communist Party chief, is likely to be elected to the Soviet Union's new parliament in tomorrow's national elections — despite an apparent attempt to discredit him.

After two large demonstrations in his support this week, an unofficial poll conducted by Soviet journalists suggested that he would sweep the poll in the Moscow constituency.

According to one report, 17 of those questioned backed him for every one who planned to vote for his officially-backed opponent, Mr Sergei Brakov, manager of the *Zil car factory*.

Mr Yeltsin gained a large following as Moscow's party chief from 1985 to 1987. A crushing vote for him could be taken as a rebuke to the Soviet leadership, which dismissed him after a speech in October, 1987 in which he criticized the pace of reform as too slow.

He is still a member of the party Central Committee, but it too has sought to put pressure on him, saying it will investigate statements he has made implicitly supporting multi-party democracy.

Demonstrations in favour of Mr Yeltsin have been largely ignored by the Moscow newspapers, which appear to be acting on official orders.

He believes this is designed to stop him winning. "They've tried to boycott me and denigrate me using any means, even dishonest ones," he was quoted as saying in an interview with the Italian newspaper, *La Repubblica*.

"I assure you it has been a very crude campaign. But as for the results I am beginning to think they will end up with exactly the opposite of what they intended to achieve."

He added: "I didn't expect it but maybe I was naive ... Somebody wants to prevent me at all costs from entering the Supreme Soviet. The reason is clear: they are afraid of me ... of the fact that I say what I think and am not afraid of expressing my opinions even if they are different from those of the leadership."

He again denied any wish to challenge President Gorbachov's leadership. "I am not and I do not want to be an alternative to Gorbachov ... I will never oppose Gorbachov," he said.



Mr Yeltsin: No intention to challenge the President.

In tomorrow's elections voters in 1,500 districts will elect representatives to the congress, which will eventually have 2,250 deputies. The two-tier parliament will have more power than the Supreme Soviet, which it replaces.

● **MOSCOW:** The Ukrainian public prosecutor has said that bodies taken from a mass grave near Kiev were the victims of purges by Stalin during the 1930s, Tass revealed yesterday (AFP *reports*).

Mr Victor Kulik, heading an official investigation committee into the mass grave, which was found last year near the village of Bykovnia, made the announcement after examining remains and a number of personal objects in the grave, Tass said.

A study of archives confirmed that the bodies — said to number thousands — were those of so-called enemies of the people accused by the Stalin regime of counter-revolutionary activities, spying and plotting against the Government.

It said Mr Kulik expected that other mass graves could be found in the area and that searches were continuing.

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The Kosovo crisis

Riot police clash with Albanians

Belgrade (Reuter) — Thousands of ethnic Albanians, hurling stones and shouting slogans, clashed with riot police in Kosovo yesterday in *a second day of protests* against moves to curb self-rule in the troubled southern Yugoslav province.

Belgrade Radio said more than 2,000 young Albanians battled police in the Kosovo town of Urosevac, 150 miles south of Belgrade, ignoring warnings that any new protests would be stamped out.

Police charged the stone-throwing protesters with batons and the town centre was *sealed off. The radio said* "quite a large number" of protesters were detained.

Urosevac was hit by riots and shooting on Thursday when police used batons and tear gas to crush a protest against a decision by the provincial Parliament to surrender autonomy to Serbia, the largest Yugoslav republic.

The Tanjug news agency said that protesters also massed in the town of Prizren, near the Albanian border. Police said earlier yesterday they would swiftly crush any unrest in Kosovo.

Officials said that 55 people were arrested in Thursday's clashes in Urosevac and 11 police injured. An unknown number of demonstrators had been hurt and some rioters were jailed for provisional 60-day terms on charges of causing public disorder.

Meanwhile, three journalists in the southern republic of *Montenegro* were charged by military prosecutors with slandering the Army by reporting that 100 ethnic Albanian army officers, including a general, faced arrest for plotting unrest in Kosovo.

Thursday's unrest was the first rioting in Kosovo since martial law was briefly imposed in 1981 to crush Albanian separatist disturbances.

The riots in Urosevac and the provincial capital Pristina, *135 miles south of Belgrade*, broke out after the Parliament adopted constitutional changes giving Serbia control of Kosovo's police, courts, civil defence and selection of officials. The changes also give Serbia a free hand to reduce further Kosovo's autonomy in the future.

The province's 1.7 million ethnic Albanian majority see the constitutional changes as a threat to their political, cultural and educational rights. Serbia denies that this is the case.

The curbs on the autonomy of Kosovo strengthen Serbia's position within the Yugoslav federation, putting it on a par with the other five republics in the country, which have never had autonomous provinces.

Rural court hits Luftwaffe's low flying

From Ian Murray
Bonn

The people of the rural area of Cloppenburg in Lower Saxony have taken on the Luftwaffe and won a battle which has ominous consequences for Nato.

A court in Oldenburg has ruled that the Luftwaffe will have to fly higher over the towns and fields of the area to spare the population some of the noise it suffers from low-level training.

The area is one of seven in which Nato has an agreement to fly down to 250ft, but the court, which has no jurisdiction over the Allies in this, has decided that it can at least stop West German aircraft from flying lower than 1,000ft above towns and 500ft over the open countryside.

In January an RAF Tornado crashed close to a village school not far from Oldenburg when it collided with a flight of Luftwaffe aircraft. The mid-air accident did not occur inside the permitted low-flying area.

The Defence Ministry in Bonn, which fully agrees with Nato that some low-level training is essential, is fighting the decision. The levels the court has imposed are still so low that noise would be little reduced, but aircraft have to fly too high for pilots to benefit from the exercise.

Herr Rupert Scholz, the Defence Minister, is trying to tackle the low-flying problem on two fronts and making little progress on either of them. On the one hand, he is trying to persuade the Allies to reduce the number of low-flying hours. On the other hand he is trying to persuade more areas of West Germany to accept some low flying in order to spread the load carried by the seven small areas where it is permitted.

Herr Scholz is under strong domestic pressure to halve low-flying hours in these areas by the summer. The coalition Government is losing votes in rural areas worst affected and the minister has promised to achieve reductions which will make a noticeable difference to the noise.

He is seeking to persuade the Allies that low-level flying could lose his Government the election next year and that it is therefore in their interests to help him if they want to avoid having to deal with a "red-green" coalition which will be less amenable to Nato.

However, during a meeting this week with the commanders of the seven allied air forces, he failed to convince them of the need for anything like a 50 per cent reduction.

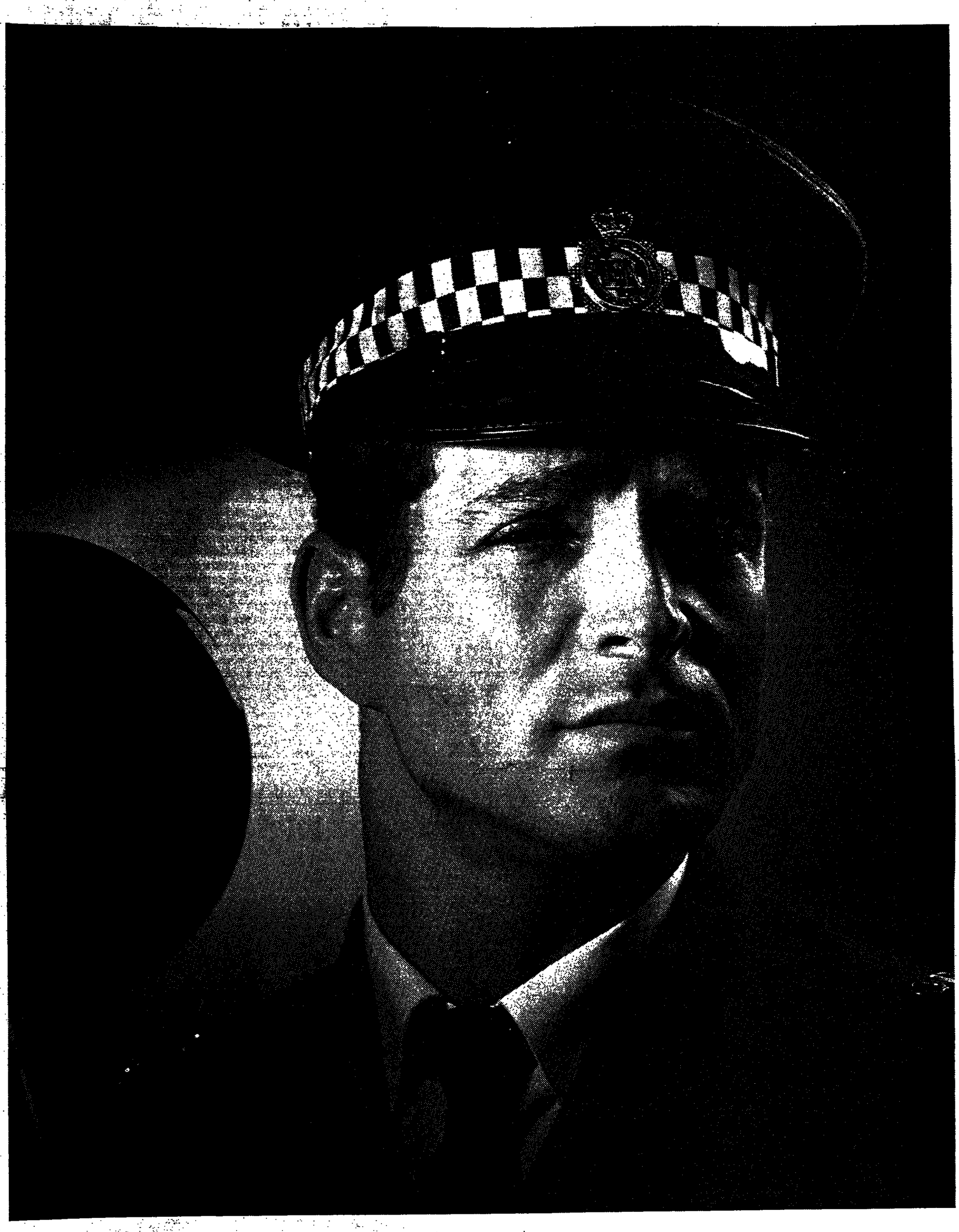
British and US commanders were critical of the fact that West German pilots do only 160 low-level training hours a year instead of the 240 which Nato considers is the essential minimum. For Nato's defence to be credible, they argued, it was important to increase the Luftwaffe total and not cut hours from the others.

To add to Herr Scholz's discomfort, the allied commanders argued that for low-level training to be really effective it should be allowed down to 100ft in some areas. They certainly gave no encouragement at all to his idea of raising the low-level limit in the seven permitted areas from 250ft to 500ft.

Herr Scholz has been equally unsuccessful in talks with leaders of the federal states where no low-level flying is allowed. He has tried to explain to them that if every area is used then nobody will have to put up with very much. However, political leaders of states which do not suffer at all are not prepared to take the electoral risk of accepting even the smallest amount. The Cloppenburg victory makes his task more difficult.

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Envoys see Thatcher-Gorbachov role in Pretoria solution

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

As Mrs Thatcher prepares for her visit to Africa next week, the outlines of a possible settlement of the South African conflict are emerging, with both the Soviet and British governments playing important linked roles.

The decision by President Botha of South Africa to step down later this year has raised hopes of faster reforms. President Gorbachov and the Prime Minister are seen by diplomats as key players, because of their influence respectively with the African National Congress and South Africa's five million whites.

They will meet in London on April 5-7, shortly after her tour, and are likely to devote more time to South Africa than previously expected. British and Soviet sources feel that, after years of sharp differences, the two countries are now pulling in the same direction. No formal Anglo-Soviet joint approach is likely, but understandings between the two leaders could have the same effect.

Mr Gorbachov is thought to be ready to coax, but not force, the ANC to suspend its armed struggle. His argument will be that violence plays into the hands of the far right and could prevent a government committed to reform winning the general election expected in October.

The ANC has always dismissed the relevance of elections from which blacks are excluded. But Moscow succeeded in persuading Angola and Cuba to accept the Angola-Namibia agreement, and has now turned its attention to South Africa.

Mrs Thatcher's role, as the foreign leader enjoying most respect among white South Africans, will be to persuade the new government to carry out real rather than cosmetic changes. In a booklet published by the Foreign Office yesterday, *Britain's Voice in South Africa*, she is quoted as saying: "I do not see how ... it is possible to achieve political stability except on a basis where all adults have the vote. The issue is to reconcile the exercise of those normal democratic rights ... with the reasonable protection of minority interests."

If the National Party beats off the conservative challenge in the general election, Mr F. W. de Klerk is likely to take power with a mandate for constitutional changes. President Botha may stay in office until soon afterwards, but will be unable to ignore the wish of Mr de Klerk and other National Party leaders for a faster pace of reform. He seems likely to authorize the release of Nelson Mandela, life president of the ANC, before stepping down. This prospect should put Mrs Thatcher in a stronger position next week. She is to see President Babangida of Nigeria on Tuesday, President Mugabe of Zimbabwe and President Chissano of Mozambique on Wednesday, and President Banda of Malawi on Friday.

Lusaka (Reuter) — Two African National Congress members were seriously injured when they drove over a landmine in Zambia, near Namibia's South African-controlled Caprivi strip.

Mrs Thatcher has always said she regards further sanctions as counter-productive. In the past, the frontline states have been sceptical, but she will argue that her approach is beginning to work. While the influence of the United States and Canada with Pretoria has declined, hers has increased. Britain has performed a key role in bringing together Soviet and South African academics at two meetings this month. These have shown that advisers outside the Soviet Foreign Ministry, but with known access to President Gorbachov, are advising him to qualify Moscow's support for the ANC.

The meetings may have paved the way for talks between Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, and Mr Anatoli Adamishin, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister. The two men were in Maputo, the Mozambican capital, at the same time on Thursday, and Mr Botha refused to disclose whether or not they met.

Though still cautious, the National Party has not dismissed the signs of a change in Soviet attitudes. Its chief spokesman, Mr Con Botha, MP, said: "Should Russia succeed in persuading the ANC to become a non-violent organization, Mandela's problem would be solved, and ours too." This is not necessarily over-optimistic, some British sources say. Sir John Killick, a former British Ambassador to Moscow, who chaired a meeting this month between Soviet and South African academics outside London, believes Moscow is in a pragmatic mood.

He pointed out that the Soviet delegation, headed by Mr Anatoly Gromyko, son of the former President, came close to having official status. All its members were drawn from the Africa Institute, an influential body. Sir John added: "They made it clear that they did not think armed struggle (by the ANC) was the right course." The delegation implied (but did not promise) that Moscow would try to persuade the ANC to move away from violence, but qualified this by saying they could understand if the ANC felt it had no alternative.

The Soviet academics criticized Pretoria and the ANC for setting preconditions for talks. They said they did not regard the ANC as the sole spokesman for black South Africa, and talked of a round-table approach involving all parties. They implied, but did not confirm, this would include Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the moderate head of the Inkatha Zulu movement, who enjoys Mrs Thatcher's support but is in dispute with the ANC.

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Ozal faces crucial test in Turkish mayoral elections

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

Despite attempts by Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, to play down the importance of tomorrow's national mayoral elections, they are seen here as likely to decide his political future.

Mr Ozal has already scheduled a comprehensive shake-up of his six-year-old Government immediately after the poll. In an interview with a leading national daily this week, he also felt the need to repeat the warning which served him so well in a referendum last year: That he "would seriously consider stepping down" if the opposition made substantial gains.

More than 28 million Turks are set to elect mayors and members of councils in hundreds of towns tomorrow. But the Social Democrats and other opposition parties have turned the ballot into another test of popularity for Mr Ozal and his Motherland Party, whose share of the vote is expected generally to decline.

The stakes are high for the Prime Minister. Observers believe that he is nursing ambitions of becoming the next head of state. President Evren, who led the army coup in 1980 and was elected to office in 1982, completes his term in November. His replacement is to be named by the 450-member Parliament, in which Mr Ozal's party enjoys a 292-strong majority.

But the Social Democrats, led by Mr Erdal Inonu, and the small True Path Party of Mr Suleyman Demirel, a seasoned conservative, are disputing Mr Ozal's aspirations to the presidency, given that only about a third of the nation backs him.

The Motherland Party received 36 per cent of the votes in the 1987 general election and slightly less in last year's referendum.

A bigger aim for the opposition is to force an early general election which, it says, will be inevitable if the Government's support falls below 30 per cent.

A combination of circumstances has put Mr Ozal on the defensive, and he is relying on frequent television appearances and allusions to the terrorism once so prevalent to bolster his standing.

Turkey's worried creditors have enforced restraint on campaign spending. Mr Ozal is grappling with a 75 per cent inflation rate, mounting debts, and mushrooming corruption scandals. There has been adverse reaction, even from within the party, to the substantial power vested in members of Mr Ozal's family.

The far right and Islamic fundamentalists within his party, resenting the dominance of liberals sheltered by Mr Ozal and his influential wife, Semra, do not even pretend to be campaigning hard, and openly hope a setback will jolt the leadership "back to its senses".



Mr Ozal: His hopes of the presidency are in jeopardy.

But the liberal faction is no more supportive. One of the most serious challenges to Mr Ozal's absolute authority has come from Mr Bedrettin Dalan, the popular mayor of Istanbul, who has been advertising his quarrel with the Prime Minister and only just stopped short of renouncing his ties with the party in an attempt to maximize his vote.

Some opposition politicians perceive in this friction a cunning plot to lure as many opposition supporters as possible to an "independent" Mr Dalan, so that he would receive the support of a large majority of Istanbul's four million voters.

Many observers believe that, if Mr Dalan's electoral strategy works and he vastly increases his support, he will become untouchable — even by Mr Ozal.

In the event of such an outcome, Mr Dalan would have to be appeased by an enhanced party role to forestall his rumoured plans to found a breakaway grouping, taking away liberal big guns from Mr Ozal and recruiting from among the opposition.

But if Mr Dalan fails, analysts hint at plans by Mr Ozal to withdraw state subsidies, leaving the mayor with huge foreign debts accumulated by his revitalization programme, or even divide Istanbul in two.

Najibullah's Army calls on female firepower



A new woman recruit to the Afghan Army receiving training from an instructor in Kabul on the Chinese-made AK47 assault rifle.

Meanwhile, Mujahidin sources said in Pakistan yesterday that their forces had repulsed an attempt by President Najibullah's troops to reopen the road from Kabul to the besieged city of Jalalabad (Reuter reports from Peshawar). The rebels said that a government force had come down the road from the town of Sorobi on Thursday, backed by a helicopter bombardment. The guerrillas shot down one helicopter and killed three soldiers, the sources said, citing radio reports from the area. They also blew up a bridge, the second in recent days.

Independent confirmation of the claims was unavailable. A Soviet newspaper said on Thursday a supply column failed to reach Jalalabad from Kabul, because rebels had blown up bridges. But the Mujahidin said that about 25 helicopters had flown from Kabul to Jalalabad yesterday, and may have brought supplies.

Seoul opposition condemns the issue of rifles to police

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

The decision to issue rifles to police to use against demonstrators has awakened dark memories of South Korea's recent authoritarian past and heightened fears of political polarization.

The National Police chief ordered the distribution of 13,000 M16 assault rifles to 3,190 police sub-stations on Thursday, after a call by President Roh to "take up arms and invoke the right of self-defence" against firebomb throwers. The order said the rifles, supplementing the traditional tear gas, were to be aimed at protesters' ankles.

The move marked a stepping up of the Government's campaign against what it sees as encroaching left-wing activity among students, workers, farmers and other disaffected groups, who often chant North Korean propaganda.

The new policy drew immediate condemnation from opposition sources. "I was aghast to see that the Government ... has decided to provide M16 rifles to even police sub-stations and to allow policemen to open fire at protesters," said Mr Kim Dae Jung, leader of the largest opposition group in the National Assembly.

While conceding the need to maintain law and order, the Government's critics say the left-wing threat has been "manufactured" to enhance the Government's power.

A Western diplomat said: "The whole left-wing fear is being talked up and exaggerated because of a right-wing backlash. We've been afraid of it since the Olympics. It shows there's no real change in the Government. I'm disappointed and disturbed. It's setting the scene for more repression."

The 1980 killing of some 200 anti-martial law protesters in the city of Kwangju remains fresh in South Korean minds as an example of government over-reaction to popular protest. President Roh has fought hard to put the Kwangju issue to rest, but critics say arming the police identifies him too closely with his disgraced predecessor and mentor, Mr Chun Doo Hwan.

Others see the anti-left campaign as a means of heading off right-wing extremists.

The rifle issue comes amid growing division within the ruling party, the Democratic Justice Party, and fears that South Korea's powerful military might step in to assume a political role. But most members defended the order.

"Now we think radical extremists on the left, who are trying to bring down the regime, are causing a lot of trouble", said Mr Park Chong Soo, a ruling party deputy, adding that supplying police with rifles was meant as a threat more than a promise that they would be fired.

Soviet relations in the Middle East

Saudis ready to end 51-year rift

From Christopher Walker, Riyadh

February's final withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan will prove the catalyst necessary to bring about the formal resumption of diplomatic ties between the conservative kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union after a gap of 51 years, according to the consensus of opinion among leading Arab and Western analysts in Riyadh.

"There have been so many straws in the wind that everyone here believes that it is now only a matter of time before ambassadors are exchanged," one senior Western Europe diplomat said.

"What remains is for the royal family to obtain the vital consent of Saudi Islamic leaders that such a move can take place, and that the communists are no longer equated with Satan."

Although no date for such an exchange has yet been set by either side, officials, noting the recent opening of diplomatic links between Moscow and Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, are looking to a 12-18 month period.

"The main stumbling block would be if the Kremlin was seen overstepping its treaty rights in its arming of the despised Najibullah regime in Kabul," one official said.

Among the most recent pointers to an impending change in approach was the surprise presence of *Pravda's* Middle East correspondent at last week's meeting here of the 46-member Islamic Conference Organization, an invitation to a top Soviet official to address the Saudi-based Arab League Police Academy and the warm Saudi reception accorded to the Soviet soccer team playing in the World Youth Cup.

According to Western observers who have been closely monitoring the thaw such gestures would have been unthinkable even two years ago. One motive is believed to be an attempt by the Saudis to signal discontent with recent American handling of the arms sales question and of the Middle East in general, where the Saudi leadership feels the Bush Administration is dragging its feet.

Soviet links were highly developed before the break

The pointers followed the first concrete hint that a sea-change in Saudi Arabia's long-standing public hostility to Moscow (private ties on vital oil-related issues were always kept up) was coming, namely last December's visit of Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and resident Ambassador in Kabul, for talks in the mountain resort of Taif on the Afghan conflict.

Saudi Arabia has been one of the principle supporters of the Afghan Mujahidin and Mr Vorontsov was the highest ranking Kremlin official to be received by the Saudi leadership since Stalin unilaterally broke off relations in 1938.

The rapprochement with Moscow coincided with a more forward Saudi profile in foreign policy as a whole, notably with the other Communist giant, China, with whom an agreement to open commercial offices staffed by diplomats in the two respective capitals was signed last November. That was also widely seen as a likely prelude to eventual diplomatic recognition.

Saudi Arabia and Bahrain are the only two members of the six nation alliance, the Gulf Co-operation Council — which also includes Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the UAE — not to have diplomatic links with either of the world's two big communist powers.

The establishment of official commercial ties with China reflected the increased warmth between the two countries since they began general trade talks at the end of 1987, an initiative which culminated in the significant purchase by Saudi Arabia in April 1988 of Chinese intermediate-range missiles. "The best bet is that we shall see a Chinese ambassador setting up here shortly before a Soviet one," a Riyadh-based diplomat said.

Before the break by Stalin, for which there was no public explanation, trade links between the two nations were highly developed, and the Saudi desert kingdom relied heavily on Moscow to provide it with basic goods and commodities, including petroleum products.

After the pre-war break with Moscow, Saudi Arabia was seen as a staunch ally of the West, notably in the 1960s and 1970s when the Saudi monarchy tended to equate communism with zionism.

The Soviet Army's invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979 placed a new obstacle to the resumption of ties which President Gorbachov has been working hard behind the scenes to engineer. Although friction between the state-supported atheism of the Marxist Kremlin and the conservative Islamic tendencies of Saudi Arabia still exists, the withdrawal from Kabul and a recent high profile tour of the Middle East by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, have removed most suspicions from this end.

Communism was equated with zionism by Saudi kings

"It is not that the Saudis are planning to turn their backs on the US," a diplomatic source said. "But there is a new approach and warmth to the Soviet Union that has not been seen here in decades."

Belgian is charged on kidnapping

Brussels (AP) — A lawyer has been charged here over the kidnapping in January of Mr Paul Vanden Boeynants, the former Prime Minister, who was freed only after his family paid an undisclosed ransom.

Officials said Mr Michel Vander Elst, aged 41, charged with kidnapping, extortion, forgery and conspiracy, was the lawyer of Patrick Haemers, an escaped convict and a suspect in the case.

Four killed

Colombo (AFP) — The military has blamed the deaths of four suspected Sinhalese militants on vigilantes only a day after the Government bowed to opposition demands to look into alleged police involvement in such incidents.

Tourist death

Paris (AFP) — A Portuguese tourist was killed when he was almost decapitated in a collision between a packed tourist boat and a barge on the Seine near Notre Dame. Ten people were slightly injured.

Leader held

Bangkok (Reuter) — Burma's military rulers have arrested Mr Min Ko Naing, one of the country's most prominent student leaders, and warned that anti-army protests will not be tolerated.

Boats stopped

Hong Kong (AFP) — Marine police have intercepted two vessels carrying 207 Vietnamese boat people, the largest number stopped in one day this year.

Basques freed

Poitiers (AFP) — Two suspected Basque militants were released after an appeals court in this French town refused the Madrid Government's request for their extradition.

Poverty trap

Bangkok (AFP) — More than two billion people living in Asia and the Pacific earn only 60p or less a day, the head of a UN agency said.

Not so funny

Delhi (AFP) — Police have arrested Johnny Lever, aged 32, a popular film comedian, for mocking the national anthem at a party in Dubai, press reports said.

Attack victim

Bangkok (AFP) — A Japanese man who was attacked and robbed by a taxi driver on his honeymoon here died in hospital, officials said.

Cash needed to save the crumbling monuments of Italy

From Roger Boyes
Verona

The traditional Easter processions will be muted this year in the medieval town of Pavia. The collapse of its 900-year-old bell tower, which claimed four lives, has shattered the orderly pace of the old city republic. A warning that more buildings might be falling apart forced the police to rope off the centre again.

This is more than an architectural and personal tragedy. All over Italy cracks are appearing in domes and masonry, towers and palaces creak as the ancient foundations shift. Pavia, many art historians fear, was not a freak event.

An already out-of-date list of seriously threatened monuments names 115 Italian sites — including the Roman Colosseum, the first-century Arena in Verona, the Pinacoteca di Brera in Milan. These landmarks of European civilization are not about to tumble down in a matter of days; but they are suffering from grave structural and geological problems which could, if unchecked, lead to catastrophe.

Bell towers are particularly sensitive, as the case of Pavia demonstrated earlier this month. In 1902 the bell tower of St Mark's in Venice fell down because low water levels sapped the foundations.

For the past few years the Campidoglio bell tower in Rome has begun to list and, according to the Mayor, Signor Pietro Giubilo, a working group will begin to inspect the structure within days.

"Many towers are still standing only because God wills it," Professor Paolo Marconi, the art historian, declares. "Our ancestors were competing sharply when they built their towers; each architect wanted to build higher than that of other towns and cities. The structures suffered — often the base pillars had to carry extraordinarily heavy weights."

The reasons for the Pavia catastrophe are not fully clear yet, but it is plain that it was suffering from the disease of all Italy's twelfth and thirteenth century towers — a combination of soil erosion, the drying up of the foundations, the powdering of masonry and the vibrations of the modern world.

Only two structures are being monitored with state-of-the-art technology — the leaning tower of Pisa and the cupola of Florence Cathedral. Professor Marconi says that he managed to slow the slippage of the Pisa tower by lobbying against geologists who wanted to bore for water nearby.

Pavia (Reuter) — Signora Vincenza Bono Parrino, Italy's Minister of Culture, said here that she was proposing a £3.7 billion plan to restore the nation's monuments.

Professor Gerogeri of the University of Pisa said that the tower's tilt increases on average 1.29 mm per year. "It's not really a structural problem. It is simply that the terrain underneath the tower is not very solid. The weight of the tower compresses the underlying soil and every year the soil becomes more and more compact. Moreover, underneath the monument there are streams of water that change their course every year. When they built the tower (it was started in 1173), they didn't know this."

The working hypothesis is that the tower of Pisa will fall down in about a century, but the Pavia incident could mean a recalculation of the odds.

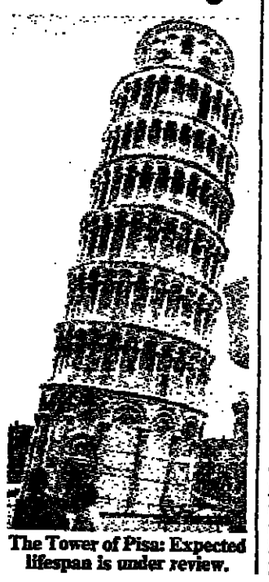
The architecture division of the Italian Central Restoration Institute has drawn up a provisional map of monuments most at risk, based on geological and environmental factors. Earthquake tremors are the main hazard, and there is a lively discussion about whether monuments in threatened areas — in Catania in Sicily, for example — should be given iron stabilizers or have cement injected into the foundations.

Landslips, flooding, climate, air pollution, all have to be brought into the calculations. Another variable is that of mass tourism — what long-term effects do tramping feet have on ancient stairways?

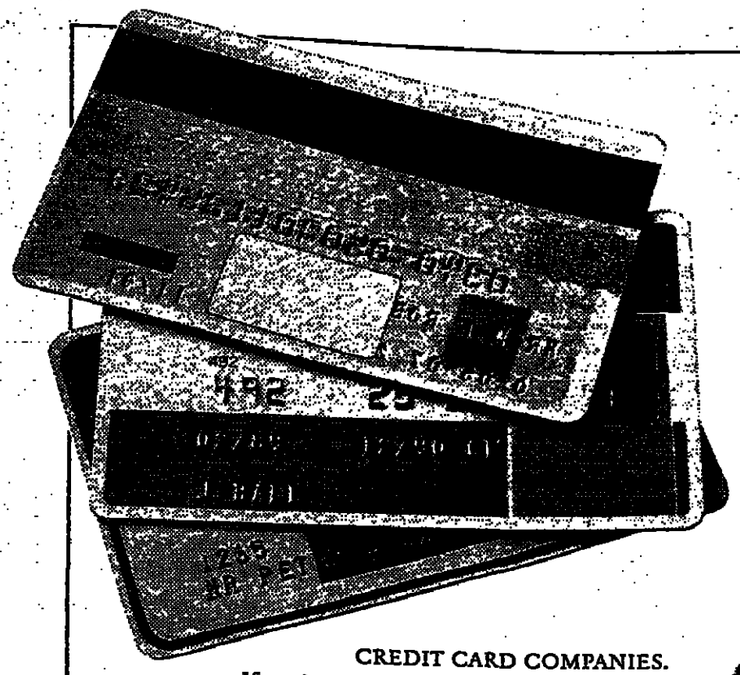
The principal threat to Italy's monuments, though, is the dead hand of government budgeting. Italy, the biggest cultural treasure trove in Europe, allocates only 0.24 per cent of its budget to culture, France about 1 per cent.

The National Geological Service, which should be bringing its technology to the aid of culture, was whittled away for decades. The monuments should be closely inspected by the local cultural watchdogs, the Superintendents.

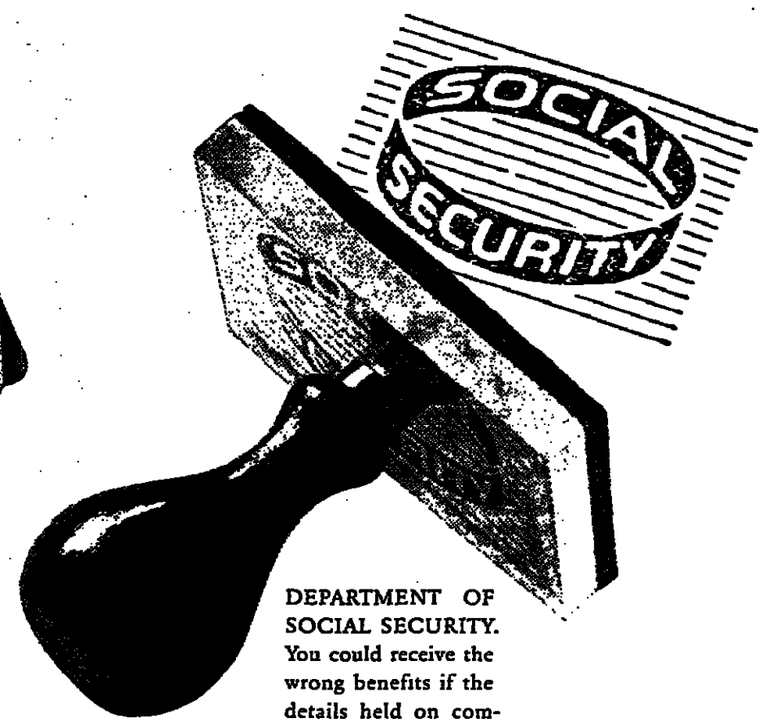
But, according to Professor Federico Zeri, "superintendents have so many other things to do: They teach at university, send art works abroad. And though they rightly complain about lack of money, they use available funds for pointless purchases and throw money away on senseless exhibitions." The result, says Professor Zeri, is that monuments are often saved only by accident.



The Tower of Pisa: Expected lifespan is under review.

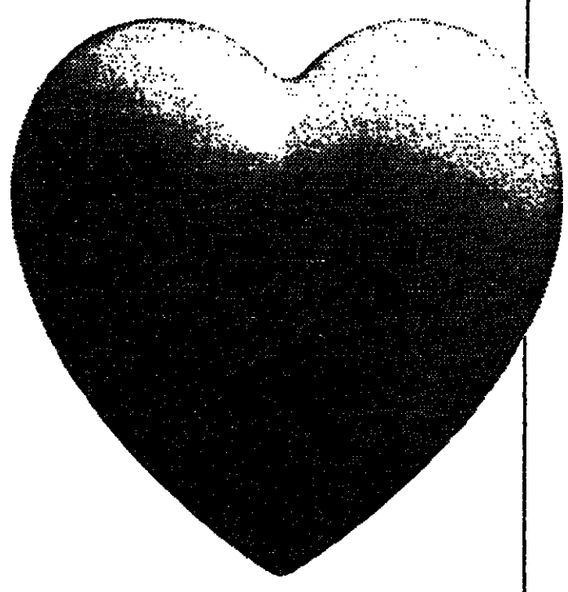


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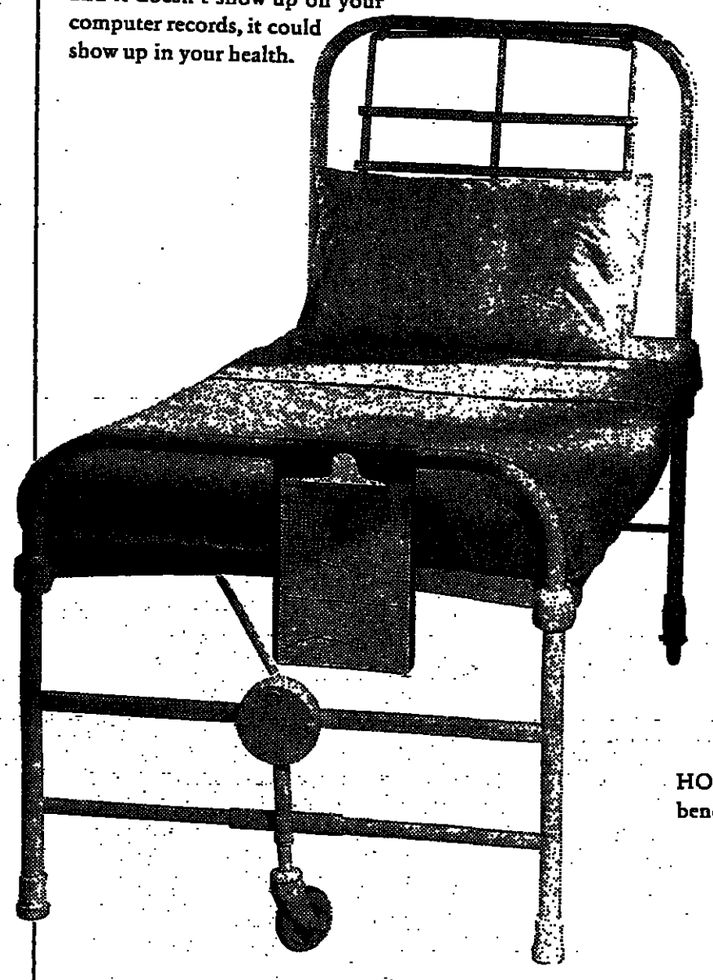


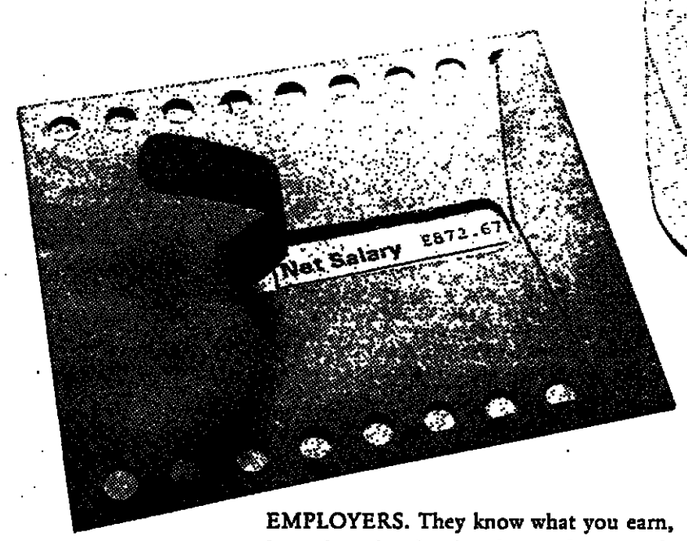
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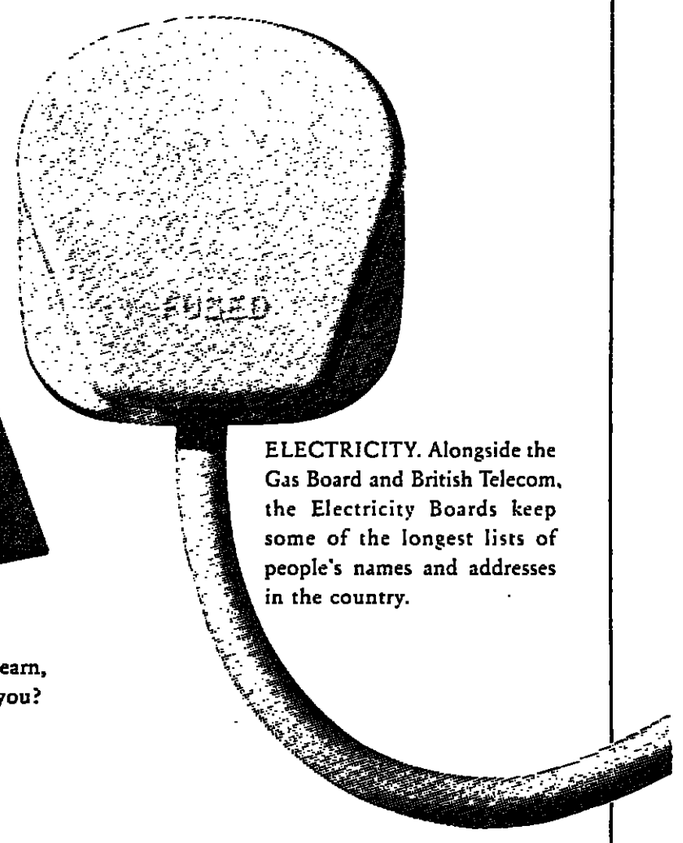


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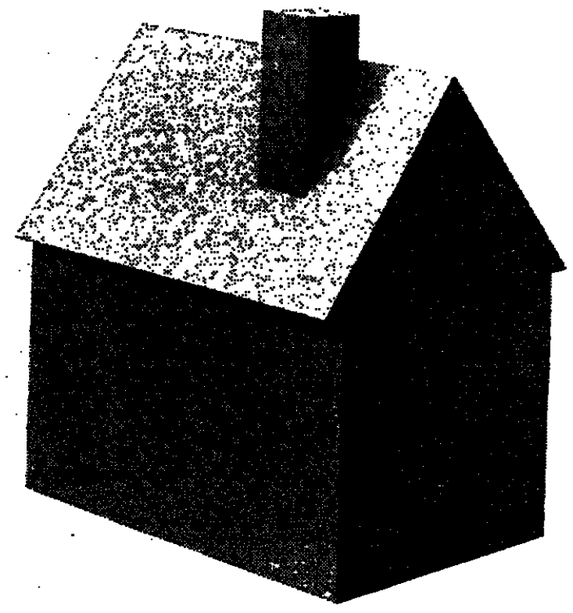


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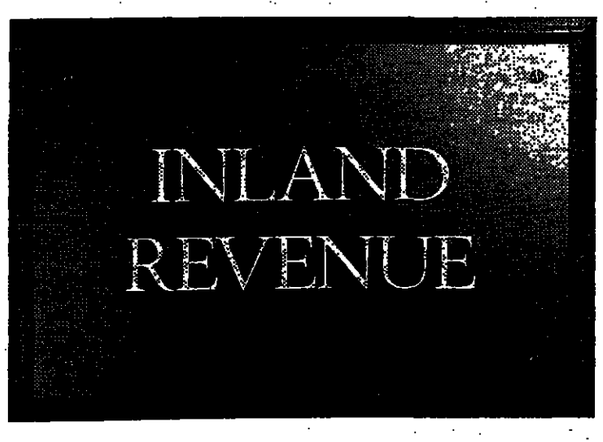
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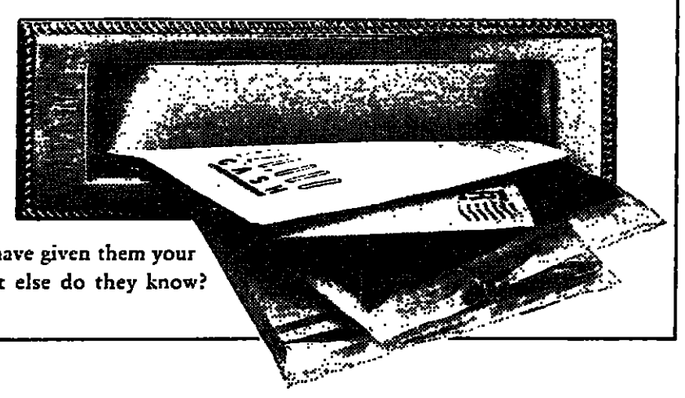




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TIMES DIARY

SIMON BARNES

The point of life is not the struggle, but the defeat, as this column has long believed. After bringing you the Jamaican bobsleigh team and Westfield FC of the Danair Combined Counties League, let the New Zealand ice hockey team join our select band of noble failures. They have just completed an ice hockey tournament in Belgium with the following record: 0-26 against Great Britain; 0-23 against Spain; 1-52 against Romania and an encouraging 2-21 against Belgium. In the match against Romania there was a goal every 69 seconds.

"We came to learn, and we learnt a lot," said their manager, Graeme Glass. "We are not discouraged. We didn't mind losing so much as failing to score in two matches. It is a different style of play, but then again, perhaps we don't have any style at all."

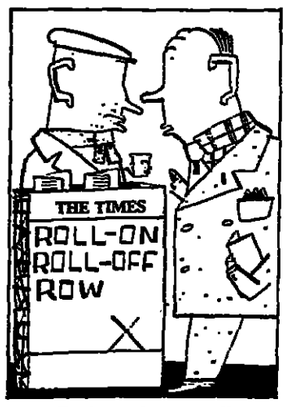
The New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation has been in existence three years. This Romanian match was not their worst defeat — Australia once beat them 58-0. The players each paid around £1,000 to get to the tournament, some of them taking out bank loans or second mortgages. The hero of the trip was, of course, the goalie, Neil Glass. He summed up with one of the most sanguine remarks of the year so far: "It's all the same to me whether its 100-0 or 50-0."

Congratulations to James Jones, the newly appointed programme editor of Nantwich Town of the Bass North West Counties League. He is 12. The football club's previous programme editor left, and shortly afterwards James turned up selling programmes off his own bat. The club, awed by such dedication and entrepreneurial skills, took him on officially. At the last home game he raised £15 by selling programmes at 20p each. The average home gate is between 100 and 200.

Last week I told you of the fastest goal of all time. Now I have a letter from Dr Malcolm Irvine telling me about what he believes to be the fastest own goal of all time. The occasion was a match between Torquay United and Cambridge United in January 1977. Torquay kicked off, the ball was passed back to defender Pat Kruse, who in turn passed back to the keeper. The keeper, coming out to collect the ball, slipped, and it trickled past him into the net. "Torquay 0, Cambridge 1 after about six seconds without a Cambridge player even getting near the ball," Dr Irvine wrote. The final score was 2-2, with Torquay scoring all four goals, Phil Sandercock adding a second own goal. "I remain, sir, a life-long Torquay supporter," Dr Irvine loyally concludes.

Meanwhile, my old friend and cricketing opponent Nicky Bird, former publisher at the Victoria and Albert Museum, claims the fastest ever own goal scored by a referee. Bird was acting as both player and referee in a match between the V&A and Express Dairies a few weeks back, and, perplexed by his dual responsibilities (any responsibility is likely to perplex him) calmly headed into his own net after 90 seconds. The Dairies won 3-1.

BARRY FANTONI



"Ferries or the water off Paul Channon's back?"

Here is a new cricket record that is obscure even by the elevated standards this column has always strived for. Tom Moody, a promising bat from Western Australia, has been selected for the party to tour England this summer. If he plays in a Test, he will be the tallest specialist batsman ever to have played in an Ashes match. Moody is 6ft 8in. And should Curtly Ambrose, a mere 6ft 7½in, be chosen for the Northamptonshire side to meet the tourists, he will have the unusual experience of another player looking down on him.

The tallest Ashes player so far is Bruce Reid, also 6ft 8in, who would have been Australia's main strike bowler this summer but for a back injury, the fast bowler's nemesis. The tallest Englishman in an Ashes match is Tony Greig at 6ft 7½in; and should Greig not be English enough for you, the honour must go to Alan Oakman, at 6ft 7in. (I wonder how Moody deals with the fast straight yorker?)

An English football team leads the nation back into Europe: yes, let us give a cheer for Sutton United. The GM Vauxhall Conference side has been invited to take part in a six-team tournament in Paris in May. The teams include two French third division sides, one from Morocco and two from Algiers (it was in Algiers that Albert Camus, footballer as well as philosopher and novelist, used to play). The invitation comes after Sutton's FA Cup run this season, in which they beat Coventry City.

As the anguished football managers of England look anxiously for the results of their frenzied trading this week ahead of the transfer deadline, they can look to the deal between Milan and Fiorentina as a model of smart dealing. In 1925, as a historical note, Charlie Buchan was transferred from Sunderland to Arsenal for £100 a goal. Milan have loaned Stefano Borgonovo to Fiorentina this season for 300 million lira, or £150,000. But for every goal he scores, Fiorentina *receives* 15 million lira (£7,500) from Milan. Borogonovo is playing so well that Milan are determined to have him back. If he finishes the season with 20 goals, he will not have cost Fiorentina a lira.

Gerald Kaufman reports on his talks with Bush officials

Boost for Labour review

Washington

The Labour Party's review of foreign and defence policy is approaching completion after the talks here between myself and other members of a party delegation and senior American officials.

I doubt if any political party in Britain has examined any subject so exhaustively and painstakingly as has our group assigned to review defence policy. We have taken evidence from numerous organizations, most recently from representatives of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. We have also conducted a long series of oversea visits.

In Bonn and Paris, together with Martin O'Neill, our Shadow Defence Secretary, I have met the foreign and defence ministers of both West Germany and France. In Belgium we had long meetings with the Secretary-General and Supreme Commander of Nato, as well as the Belgian defence minister. Last month four of us were in Moscow.

Now, following my meeting last summer with President Reagan's Defence Secretary, Frank Carlucci, coupled with an inspection of the Trident base at King's Bay, Georgia, we have rounded off our work in Washington.

Our talks here have certainly provided substantial material for consideration — material supplied from such authoritative sources as General Brent Scowcroft, President Bush's National Security Adviser, and senior officials and experts in the State Department and the Pentagon. We also met congressmen.

Most encouraging was the determination in the new Bush administration to continue the work on arms control and disarmament begun by Reagan. We were told by Robert Kimmit, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs: "Arms control is certainly a necessary part of defence policy. 1989 and 1990 are going to be two of the most active years in the history of arms control negotiation."

Any fears that a new president would falter in the two major negotiations initiated in the Reagan era were dispelled in the White House itself by General Scowcroft's firm assurance on Start (the talks aimed at reducing long-range nuclear arsenals by 50 per cent): "This is now our negotiation."

Roger Harrison, deputy chief negotiator, told us at the State Department that Start is 80 per cent complete. Although the remaining 20 per cent of what will be a "massive document" includes most of the really difficult issues, Mr Harrison said he believed the political will was present on both sides to get these settled.

"If the Soviets want to make progress", he told us, "there is a very open door here." Ambassador Robert Blackwell, special assistant to President Bush in the National Security Council, added: "The President has put a very high priority on Start."

Nor was a successful conclusion to Start regarded as the end of the nuclear disarmament process. Talking to us in the Old Executive Office Building, Blackwell spoke enthusiastically about the need to "get rid of a lot of these nuclear weapons . . . thousands and thousands." Such further reductions, both Blackwell and General Scowcroft emphasized, must be achieved "in a stabilizing way".

Everyone we met in Washington stressed the key importance of the East-West CFE talks now taking place in Vienna aimed at reducing conventional forces in Europe. In his office in the State Department, Charlie Thomas, Senior Deputy Assistant, Europe, declared that "the nuclear deterrent is a function of the conventional imbalance . . . The problem starts not with nuclear weapons but with conventional weapons."

General Scowcroft said that one reason for the need, as he saw it, for nuclear weapons in Europe is the sharp asymmetry in conventional weapons. It is that asymmetry, which the Americans seek to correct, which governs the Bush administration's approach to the thorny issue of modernizing short-range nuclear weapons.

While Mrs Thatcher seems obsessed with getting a firm decision to modernize at the Nato summit in Brussels in May, the Americans are far more rational.

They certainly would like a decision in favour of modernization. General Scowcroft put it like this: "We want a decision this year. We need a decision as early as it is possible to make."

At the Pentagon, Deputy Assistant Secretary John Woodworth said there was a need now to develop a successor to the Lance missile, which would cease to be a viable nuclear weapons system in the middle of the next decade. However, what was required at Brussels was reaffirmation of the need for a system rather than a specific deployment decision. Mr Thomas was concerned that the modernization issue had "a great potential for contaminating the summit", which had other important issues to consider.

While rejecting the Third Zero — getting rid of all short-range nuclear weapons from the Continent — President Bush's officials were not adamantly against ever negotiating on reductions in such weapons.

General Scowcroft was opposed to moving on to discussions on short-range systems until he was "clear about what is going to happen on CFE". But he added: "If you can rectify asymmetry in conventional weapons, you can consider other systems."

As for Britain's role, Congressman Les Aspin, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee, said of post-Start negotiations, "I don't think you could do another one without bringing in the British and the French." And Blackwell declared that the roles of other countries "are not decisions to be made on the Potomac".

We in our review group agree with that. While we were in the Soviet Union Mrs Thatcher derided the idea of a British defence policy labelled "Made in Moscow". For once she was right. Labour's defence policy will be labelled neither "Made in Moscow" nor "Made in Washington". It will be made in Britain, for Britain.

General Scowcroft wished us well in our review, saying that we were engaged in "important work". Those of us charged with this review are deeply conscious of the responsibility that rests on us. I hope we can measure up to our task.

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Victorian voice of reason

The name of John Bright, who died 100 years ago, is coupled in every schoolboy's mind with that of Richard Cobden. The pair were leaders of the two great battles of Victorian reform: the repeal of the Corn Laws and the struggle for universal suffrage.

Cobden, the elder man, was the thinker. Bright was the orator, the publicist and the pulverizer of opposition. While Cobden partly retired after the tariffs against the import of grain were removed, Bright continued to fight for another 43 years. His campaigns encompassed the full range of Victorian reform as Britain changed from rule by the landed aristocracy to the "fierce democracy" of the urban, industrial masses.

Bright's "Victorian values" included free trade; the disestablishment of the Church of England and, particularly, the Church of Ireland; an end to the East India Company and more responsible government for India; abolition of the House of Lords; support for the northern states in the American civil war; the end to capital punishment (a much overlooked, but widely shared, Victorian value); the secret ballot; abolition of passports; a foreign policy of "pugnacious pacifism" and the need for a Channel tunnel.

By the time of his death on March 27, 1889, Bright had become (with Wilberforce) the greatest parliamentarian of the century not to hold important office.

The secret of John Bright's grip on Victorian society rested on a single strength that is almost impossible to recapture today: his oratory. Bright wrote little. He was a man of speech, and nothing fades so fast as the spoken word. While contemporaries who were less heralded in their lifetime, such as Walter Bagehot, have grown in stature with the influence of their writing, the voice of Bright, the country's "foremost orator", has been all but lost. It was a voice to which Victorian Britain listened in great numbers and at very great length.

"Last night I lectured to a very large meeting of working men on 'the causes of the fall of wages'. I spoke two hours and then for 1½ discussed points raised," wrote Bright to Cobden in 1843. The Free Trade Hall in Manchester — he was for many years a Manchester MP, after first representing Durham — would repeatedly be filled to standing room as the eager industrialists of the city listened to an afternoon-long speech from the great man. His speeches from the back benches of the House of Commons regularly filled 20 columns of *Hansard*.

Bright spoke with enthusiasm and sarcasm, with a flow of statistics (something never before attempted in British politics) mixed with the language of the Bible and Milton, the stern Quaker's two favourite sources. He spoke in a resounding voice and in perfect prose, using notes that he would surreptitiously stuff into the top hat which he put in front of him.



But history best remembers epigrams rather than three-hour orations. Though some of Bright's phrases — "England, the mother of Parliaments", for example — have passed into the language, the power that he held over Victorian England seems now elusive. His call for peace at the start of the Crimean war gives a flavour of what was in those great orations:

"The angel of death has been abroad throughout the land; you may almost hear the beating of his wings . . . He takes his victims from the castle of the noble, the mansion of the wealthy, and the cottage of the poor and the lowly, and it is on behalf of all these classes that I make this solemn appeal."

Bright belonged to no political party. He loathed the "Conservatives" and bitterly hated Palmerston and the Whigs. His political model was America with its universal ballot, strong industrial base, separation of church and state, and its absence of an aristocracy. (One of the problems of Britain's foreign policy was that it was "neither more nor less than a gigantic system of outdoor relief for the aristocracy".)

When many of John Bright's own class — he was a wealthy textile industrialist from Rochdale — supported the Confederate states in the American civil war, Bright rushed to the support of the Union. The aristocrats were happy to see the break-up of a rival power and many mill owners, starved of cotton, seemed equally happy to shelve their consciences. Even *The Economist*, which had been founded in 1843 to support Bright's twin campaigns for the repeal of the Corn Laws and the end of capital punishment, showed signs of sympathy with the South.

Palmerston — "the hoary imposter" — *The Times* (Bright could not understand how any honest man could allow it into his home), and, shamefully, Gladstone, sided with the Confederates. Bright, alone among leading parliamentarians, urged support for the Union. "Magnanimity and not meanness should be our course in regard to a country in such extreme difficulty."

He corresponded with Abraham Lincoln; predicted that America would rapidly grow to be the *dominant* economy in the world, and confessed to Mrs Harriet Beecher Stowe that he was an American at heart.

But the Americans, like everyone else, fell short of John Bright's most important measure and greatest legacy: free trade. Bright understood more clearly than Cobden and the other Corn Law reformers, more clearly than perhaps any man but Adam Smith, that free trade was the most effective foe of all privilege, prejudice and inhumanity.

He understood with a blinding insight, only glimpsed by others, that any impediment to free trade always incurred an unjustified cost that had to be paid for, like a hidden tax, by every citizen in the land.

As early as 1843 he stood for election "as a free trader and therefore as the candidate for the working classes". This is the link — between free trade and social progress — that makes John Bright so attractive to a modern Conservative.

As British industry grew up into an establishment power of its own in Bright's old age, protectionists started to emerge among the manufacturing classes. Many of their sneak phrases were the same as today: demands for "fair" trade rather than free trade, for "reciprocal" trading relations rather than open ones. (Only the bogus call for "level playing fields" was missing from those late Victorian protectionists, whose policies were so soon to bring about an eclipse of British prosperity.)

Bright would have none of it. Free trade was the weapon of peace. If a country refused to have "fair" trade with Britain that was its loss, not Britain's. Bright, veteran campaigner for progressive social policies, recognized that protectionism, however well disguised, was always the friend of reaction. This led him to positions that more muddled minds could not follow.

Many of his allies wanted "sanctions" against slave-produced sugar, claiming that its import both encouraged slavery and was unfair competition. Bright, the scourge of slavery, took the opposite view: the competition of free trade would liberate the slaves and benefit the British consumer. Free trade was a policy, both radical and progressive, from which only good could flow.

A century may have muffled Bright's ringing oratory but it has not silenced this clear call, as necessary to us now as it was to Victorian Britain.

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Commentary • JANET DALEY

To a wider appeal

What the Government has clearly been hoping to inspire, both in the nation's artistic life and in its higher education system, is an American model of private philanthrophy. As the economy becomes more buoyant, and particularly as private individuals are allowed to keep more of their wealth, it was expected that there would be more scope for support of national institutions by participating citizens. Central government could withdraw from its unhealthy monopoly of academic and artistic subsidy, unhooking education and the arts from their centralized dependency.

What the desire to import American beneficence may have overlooked is that the tradition of educational and cultural patronage in the United States is deeply embedded in its historical development. In Britain, as in most old European societies, philanthropy and the promotion of the arts have always been associated with a hereditary aristocracy. The newly-rich could presume to enter into such patronage when their respectability was sufficient for them to qualify as possible entrants to aristocratic social circles. The endowment of an Oxford college or a major gift to a national museum was recognizable as a rite of passage into the inheriting classes.

The US had no aristocracy and created itself in deliberate opposition to such hierarchical societies. The self-made rich were themselves emigrants from countries whose upper classes had oppressed their own forefathers. Gratitude for their liberation into an open and unstratified society was combined with a sense of responsibility. As the sole owners and creators of wealth, they possessed the only form of economic power which their new country had. By setting up educational trusts, creating universities and building concert halls and museums, they were paying their moral dues to a nation they felt they had helped to create, as well as establishing their social influence.

But the Fords and the Carnegies who set the precedents for philanthropy cannot really be emulated in modern Britain. Few contemporary individual (or even corporate) benefactors could afford to offer subsidy on a 19th-century scale. The Government's more realistic hope is that Britons will adopt the consistent donation of private funds, which are now an everyday convention among even modestly wealthy Americans.

An individual leaving a generous bequest to his alma mater, a local industrialist sponsoring a regional orchestra or building an art gallery, are commonplace in the United States. Most major corporations regard providing local art subsidy as part of their accepted civic duty. This sense of social responsibility on the part of the business community is largely absent here.

Industrialists are frequently pilloried for their short-sighted meanness in this regard, but British businessmen are no more inherently selfish than their American counterparts; they have simply not seen themselves as part of the paternalistic benefactor class.

In Britain, "trade" has always been despised as a source of wealth. So much so that the business community, being outside the pale of social acceptability anyway, has largely opted out of the magnanimity stakes, particularly in the aristocratically-dominated cultural arena.

In the US, corporate giving is more than a habit passed down from the founders of industry. It is part of the egalitarian attitude toward education and culture which permeates American life.

America's Calvinist roots contain a profound conviction that education, of the broadest and most self-improving kind, should be for everyone. Not only should every child have the opportunity for higher education, but access to the fine arts should also be available to everyone, however provincial or socially unprepossessing.

This missionary impulse to spread culture and learning to the great mass of the population has never been a feature of British life. Not only is high culture reserved for an élite but education in the true sense (as opposed to training) is thought appropriate only for a small minority. There is no educational option here which lies between the highly specialized A level/university route and vocational training. There is, in other words, no equivalent of the more general "college education" (often aptly described as a "liberal arts" degree) suitable for the averagely intelligent, which enables so many Americans to be articulate, self-respecting members of their society.

And perhaps most significantly, there is not the flexibility which allows such a broadly educated student to find within himself a capacity for higher educational achievement and then to progress by stages to levels of real academic excellence. To arrive at the highest reaches of intellectual activity in Britain is virtually impossible if one has not been set down in the right academic sheep-run from the start.

In this sort of climate, philanthropy on the universal, American scale is most unlikely to take hold. The US has paid a price for its premium on equality with a generally middlebrow, homogenized culture and a system of undergraduate education which is often far below our standards. It is a price which many Europeans would consider too high. But those who wish to encourage American-style generosity must be clear they cannot have it both ways. If higher education and high art are only for the privileged few then there are precious few people who will be prepared to contribute to them.

An intellectual life which is rooted in feudal attitudes sees crass populism as the only alternative to aristocratic snobbery. It may well be time to try for democracy.

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MARCH 25 ON THIS DAY 1959

As Sir Edward Grey, Viscount Grey of Fallodon (1862-1933) had been Foreign Secretary from 1906 to 1916. He is remembered by historians as a statesman and by ornithologists as a writer on bird life.

GOLDEN AGE OF THE ENGLISH HOUSEHOLD

From our own correspondent

PARIS, MARCH 24

In a small but high-class restaurant near the Gare de l'Est, M. Jules Muller works as head waiter. With the minimum of encouragement, he is prepared to talk at length and with great feeling and simplicity about a vanished aspect of English life. From 1923 to 1928 he and his wife, now dead, were butler and cook-housekeeper to Lord and Lady Grey of Fallodon at Wilsford Manor in Wiltshire.

When Lady Grey died in 1928, M. and Mme. Muller left Lord Grey's service and, after a few months at the Savoy Hotel, returned to France.

M. Muller regards those days as the best of his life, and so, indeed, he makes them sound. The Greys were, in his testimony, model employers: "You wouldn't find our gentry treating their servants in the considerate manner that the Greys treated us", and he goes on to speak of the four huge meals a day, "plus morning tea" enjoyed by all the servants, and the consideration and sympathy invariably displayed by Lord and Lady Grey towards their employees.

It was a big household: five in the kitchen, a butler and footman, housemaids, a lady's maid, and nursery staff. As well as Lord and Lady Grey, there were Mr David and Mr Stephen Tennant, and Lord Glenconner, all of them the children of Lady Grey's first marriage with the first Lord Glenconner: and at the weekends there were big parties. Yet the atmosphere of Wilsford was that of "home" — the word is non-existent in French and the atmosphere is often lacking in France, which is, perhaps, the reason why French people who have seen it at close quarters are usually so enthusiastic.

In spite of the luxury of the life and the comings and goings, Lord and Lady Grey, M. Muller emphasizes, were essentially simple people: "There were no orgies at Wilsford," he says — a statement which is not difficult to believe of the half-blind former Foreign Secretary and his wife.

The Mullers were at Wilsford for most of the time, although on occasions they did accompany the Greys to London, where Lord Grey once took M. Muller to Buckingham Palace as his footman in order that he might see the King and Queen. But, memorable though this was, it is upon the life at Wilsford that M. Muller is most inclined to dwell; the way Lord Grey would every morning pick fresh flowers to take to his wife's room, the long hours spent by both Lord and Lady Grey in the aviaries, the difficulty of communicating in French with Lord Grey, the protocol in the servants' hall — the Mullers and the lady's maid had their meals apart from the other servants — and, above all, thewell-organized but simple luxury of the life in a large English country house, in an era that had still not quite ceased to be Edwardian. When Lady Grey died suddenly in 1928, it was, as M. Muller puts it, "as though we had lost a queen"...

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POLLS APART

Once every four years the people of the Soviet Union have gone through the motions of voting for their national legislature, the Supreme Soviet. They have entered the polling station, picked up a ballot paper with a single name printed on it, and placed it without more ado in the ballot box. The house-bound, hospital-bound and stragglers have had the ballot box brought to them.

A few brave souls might cross out the single name or spoil the ballot paper, but the result would be the same: a 99 per cent turn-out registering 99 per cent support for the single nominee. It was not just the Soviet Union's critics in the West who regarded the exercise as a cynical abuse of the democratic process. The result was, as the Soviet leadership acknowledged, an alienation of the people from political life.

The Supreme Soviet elections of 1989, the first stage of which is held tomorrow, are already different. How different, even Mr Gorbachov may not have envisaged when he announced the new arrangements last summer.

Then, he outlined a new body — the 2,250-strong Congress of People's Deputies — two-thirds of which would be directly elected in national elections. The Congress would elect a new Supreme Soviet of 422 deputies who would become full-time politicians holding office for a maximum of two terms or 10 years.

When details of the new electoral procedures were published last autumn, they incorporated numerous precautions to minimize the risks to the Communist Party and government establishment. The nomination process was hedged about with complex requirements for a large quorum at election meetings and vetting by electoral commissions.

The stipulation that there should be more than one candidate per seat was dropped. One hundred places in the new Congress were guaranteed to the Communist Party; another 650 were distributed among the so-called public organizations, ensuring that Communist Party members and activists have more than one vote — and possibly as many as seven or eight. The indirect election of the new Supreme Soviet meant that any maverick who somehow surmounted all the obstacles could — and still can — be weeded out.

Many of these precautions have already had their effect. True to form, the Central Committee nominated a slate of precisely 100 candidates, obviating the need for anything more than a token election for the party's allocation of seats. Constituencies in many parts of the country have followed suit. Residents in those regions will tomorrow have the choice only of accepting or rejecting the nominated candidate. Yet the small opening that has been created in the Soviet election system has allowed through a far wider range of people and permitted the airing of a more diverse set of issues than could have been expected. In some areas, it has encouraged fervent public participation. It continues to surprise.

Only in the last week of the campaign has the strength of support for Mr Boris Yeltsin, the former Moscow party leader, become visible in street demonstrations in his favour. A sense of personal grievance combined with public responsibility seems to have inspired him to stand for election — and Muscovites have flocked to his support.

The Yeltsin bandwagon can hardly be welcome to the party leadership, which thought his career had been ended 18 months ago. His defiance of the authorities, however, has given Moscow voters a real choice.

Incipient democracy has been in evidence also at the Soviet Academy of Sciences, where Dr Andrei Sakharov's dogged campaign to be nominated for one of the Academy's congress seats has been rewarded with a re-run of the nomination process. For Dr Sakharov it was not justification enough for the "old guard" to cite tradition in support of their own nominations. He and his supporters stood out for a new style of selection — based on criteria of popularity and worthiness.

The other, and perhaps the most dangerous, areas for the party leadership in Moscow are the Baltic States, where anti-Communist and anti-Russian sentiment have combined to make the defeat of senior Communist officials a possibility. Deals have been done and rumours circulated in an attempt to minimize the damage to Moscow's authority. The Kremlin's response to unwelcome news from the Baltic will be one measure of how serious it is about introducing more democracy into the Soviet Union.

In each of these areas — in Moscow, in the Academy and in the Baltic States — the seed of democracy has germinated because individuals have been determined that it should. They have pursued their objective singlemindedly and often at great personal cost.

Such people are still few in number. They are the ones who have resisted all the pressure to accept ideological servitude and gone their own way.

If the results of tomorrow's elections show that the number of such people has increased, then wittingly or not Mr Gorbachov will have brought democracy in the Soviet Union a step closer. That can only be a benefit — to his own people, and to the West.

MR DE KLERK'S EASY TASK

Mr F.W. de Klerk, South Africa's putative new President, and his followers within the ruling National Party will doubtless permit themselves a small smile of triumph this Easter weekend. After a bruising battle between the old and the young lions of the Afrikaner tribe, Mr P.W. Botha has been brought to his senses by the bitter realization that he no longer enjoys the allegiance of his party or his people.

He sacrificed that allegiance and effectively signed his own political death warrant when he threatened to postpone a general election simply to ensure his own continuance in office. Faced with a choice between Mr Botha's survival and its own, the National Party finally left him in no doubt where its loyalties lay.

As Mr Botha prepares for his trek into the political wilderness, Mr de Klerk has a great deal of preparation to do. One task will be to adjust South Africa's extraordinary constitution to ensure that the divisions of the past few months will not be repeated. That will probably not be too difficult.

Much more seriously, after a decade of Mr Botha's rule, the country is immeasurably more isolated and substantially poorer. Its treasury has been drained not merely by the flight of foreign capital, but by regional wars — the price demanded by the army for enforcing security through the barrel of a gun — by a swollen bureaucracy and by the costs of coercing rather than negotiating with black South Africa.

The siege society over which Mr Botha presided has also bred a degree of corruption on the fringes of government which, if nothing else, gives ample credence to South Africa's claim to be an African state. Despite the promises of South Africa's "Prague spring" when, with Mr Botha temporarily out of the way, Mr de Klerk and his cabinet colleagues appeared to question the remaining fundamentals of apartheid, it is too early to say what this may bring.

Substantially younger, more accessible and flexible than his predecessor and with a more secure faith in parliamentary government, Mr De Klerk will almost certainly preside over the demise of the "securocracy", the pervasive security establishment which effectively supplanted civilian authority during Mr Botha's rule.

He will also benefit from a marginally more relaxed international environment created by the Angolan-Namibian settlement and by the Soviet Union's pressure on the African National Congress to negotiate with Pretoria rather than wait in vain for a military victory.

Whether or not Mr de Klerk will be able to climb through this window of opportunity will depend not merely on his political skills. He must show himself willing to abandon his commitment to the group rather than the individual as sole instrument for achieving a lasting political accommodation with South Africa's black majority.

The initial omens are promising. Although Mr de Klerk has his ideological roots in the right of his party, he has already shown a willingness to take on board the concerns of its more liberal wing.

He is young enough not to have been party to the construction of the apartheid edifice. But he is also astute enough to know that it cannot be maintained without entrusting continued power to the security establishment which he dislikes.

In his first years in power, anxious to secure his place in history, Mr Botha began the process of reform. He thus opened the floodgates to far greater change.

Mr de Klerk knows that his place in history will depend on whether, like Mr Botha, he tries to close the gates, or whether he can summon up the skill and the courage to ride the flood. As he contemplates that challenge he must know that getting rid of Mr Botha was, of all the tasks he must face, much the easiest.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expanding scope of medical audit

From Dr B. J. Boughton

Sir, I attended many of the Birmingham medical audit meetings to which Professor Sir Raymond Hoffenberg refers in his letter of March 20. On average only four of the 120 consultants in the hospital attended these meetings, and Sir Raymond was never present himself, presumably because of the pressures of work at the Royal College of Physicians in London. One cannot help, therefore, being a little cynical about his own initiative to force other consultants to attend medical audit meetings and his attempt to portray this as a step forward.

But his proposals for a form of medical audit run for doctors and by doctors will do very little to improve the NHS and he should be challenged to outline the improvements in health care which he thinks his form of medical audit will achieve.

In direct contrast to the recommendations of the parliamentary White Paper, Sir Raymond clearly wishes to exclude hospital administrators from medical audit because he wishes it to be restricted to the clinical performance of doctors. Medical audit should however be seen as a powerful tool for solving many of the serious problems confronting the NHS, and should concern itself with much more important matters than the clinical problems of the medical profession.

Administrators can understand it when consultants do not work their contracted NHS sessions or if patients have their admission to hospital cancelled or their operations delayed. They can understand if elderly patients with incurable diseases are kept alive in expensive kidney dialysis or intensive therapy units, only to die predictably as soon as this support is withdrawn. They can understand it when one consultant treats only half as many patients as another, or uses half the entire hospital pharmacy budget on expensive experimental drugs.

They have little difficulty in understanding whether a consultant's junior medical staff are trained well enough to pass their speciality examinations and whether a consultant's professional standards are approved by his peers.

Hospital managers can readily understand the real issues which medical audit should address but, unlike consultants, the hospital managers have a duty to the NHS and the patients to implement improvements. It is this potential interference in its professional hegemony that the Royal College of Physicians is trying to side-step. The college has a vital role to play in the training of specialists, but its proposals for medical audit are nothing less than a political move to protect the medical profession from the light of public scrutiny.

There are many deeply worrying changes laid out in the NHS White Paper, but Mr Clarke's proposals for medical audit are long overdue and he will render the British public a great service if he ignores the Royal College of Physicians on this particular issue.

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From Sir Christopher Pinsent

Sir, Anent your leader, "Physicians judge themselves" (March 16) and comment by the President of the Royal College of Physicians, I recently attended as complainant's companion an inquiry arranged by the National Health Service into treatment prescribed by a consultant. The procedure involved two assessors, doctors in the same discipline as the consultant, whom they interviewed first. They then saw the complainant, and finally the consultant again.

The interview with the complainant was marked by much consideration and courtesy. The assessors' conclusions in their subsequent report, however, were four short incontrovertible platitudes carefully drafted to bear only lightly and by inverse implication on the failings complained of. It was difficult not to divine a rather stronger concern to save the consultant embarrassment than to be seen to be answering the patient's grievance.

The prevailingly masonic cast of the Oath of Hippocrates, and injunctions by doctors' insurers not to admit fault — for doctors, like motorists, may indeed now be seen as at the controls of potentially dangerous machinery — can in combination form a serious obstruction to trust between patient and physician.

Does the White Paper really address this problem?

Yours faithfully,
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Not so easy to clean up the place

From the Leader of the London Borough of Hounslow

Sir, Environment Secretary Nicholas Ridley, backed by the Prime Minister, has declared war on, *inter alia*, litter on motorways (report, March 18).

When the Prime Minister returned from Israel in 1986, she criticised the amount of litter on the M4 between Heathrow and London. At that time we pointed out that we acted as agents for her Department of Transport to do this work, and that we were being given completely inadequate funds to do the job properly.

What has happened since then? My officers have repeatedly battled with the Department of Transport to allow us to increase the frequency of our litter-picking — which has to be done by hand — on the verges and central reservation of this part of the M4. Until 1986 we were only allowed a frequency of three times a year, but because of our strong protests the frequency was increased to 13 times a year.

Then out of the blue, on February 23 this year, the department asked if we could use some of their surplus funds to increase the frequency for the next four weeks. Were they aware of this impending clarion call for action?

Of course we agreed and set up a weekly schedule. But the department made it clear this was not a radical change of heart, but a "one-off" operation, for which they will be paying £6,000.

You should also be aware that no funds are made available to cut grass on the motorway unless it has grown so high that it creates a safety hazard, such as obscuring motorway signs. Yet we believe that if the verges were kept neatly cut it would discourage motorists from littering them, and make it easier for us to clean.

To place the blame on the shoulders of local authorities is blatantly unfair, and privatising the motorway cleaning service will not make the slightest difference to the present situation unless the Department of Transport provides adequate funding.

For the Prime Minister to suggest that young volunteers should tackle the problem ignores the inherent dangers involved in working on one of Britain's busiest highways, where extensive training and experience in safety methods are essential.

Yours sincerely,
DAVE WETZEL, Leader,
London Borough of Hounslow,
The Civic Centre,
Lampton Road,
Hounslow,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
March 20.

From Mr W. G. V. Balchin

Sir, "A £1 million campaign to clear up litter on motorways and major trunk roads was launched by the Department of Transport yesterday at the personal behest of the Prime Minister".

Excellent! But what a pity that Mrs Thatcher doesn't travel by British Rail. Surplus sleepers, redundant rails, crushed concrete and other debris arising from maintenance and construction work litter the lines, and to this the urban population has added in many areas a generous contribution of battered bedsteads, mouldy mattresses, discarded chairs and a general litter of bottles, cans and paper — all of which presents a sorry view of Britain to the tourist and traveller.

Sadly, as well as constituting an eyesore, the debris is also readily available for vandals to build obstructions across the lines.

Furthermore, if we are to make a real effort to create a clean and healthy environment shouldn't something be done about the graffiti on the trains, and the tons of raw untreated sewage deposited daily on the tracks by rail travellers?

Yours faithfully,
W. G. V. BALCHIN,
10 Low Wood Rise,
Ben Rhydding,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire.
March 19.

Bar's 'hymn sheet'

From Mr Roger Henderson, QC

Sir, The Lord Chancellor is reported (March 16) as accusing the leaders of the Bar of trying to stifle other members of the Bar from voicing disagreement with the case that the Bar is trying to make. He did not make that accusation. He drew attention to a number of reports, including *Bar News* which referred to a briefing session where people were encouraged "to sing from the same hymn sheet".

The Bar consists of groups of practitioners who specialize in very different fields of legal work. The Green Papers, if implemented, would affect them very differently. We recognize this. Some have special concerns which conflict with the special concerns of others. All must be encouraged to speak freely, and we have taken great pains to try to elicit all the varying opinions and to encourage them all to voice their different concerns.

We consulted all chambers before the Green Papers were published, in anticipation of radical review. We have continued that consultation process seven days a week, and at no time have we sought to gag anyone. Instead, the truth is that we have positively exhorted all members of the Bar to brief their MPs, whatever may be their opinions.

We have been advised that if the subject of debate is complex — which it is — and if the knowledge of the system, even by MPs and other professionals, is limited — which again it is — it is essential to concentrate upon a few points; to simplify the issues; and to help people to explain those points. I believe that that advice is sound.

What the Lord Chancellor asked rhetorically was whether the leaders of the Bar were showing true independence of mind. We are certainly trying to do so — for instance, on the question of barristers' direct access to the lay client and the widest form of judicial preferment.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER HENDERSON
(Chairman, Public Affairs Committee of the Bar),
2 Harcourt Buildings,
Temple, EC4.
March 22.

Veterinary closures

From Major Derek Allhusen

Sir, The decision, to be taken shortly, whether or not to close the Department of Clinical Veterinary Medicine, at Cambridge, and the Scottish Veterinary School, at Glasgow, is clearly one of great importance for the future of veterinary education and research in this country.

The closure of the Cambridge Veterinary School, based at one of the finest scientific universities in the world, near to Newmarket, with its world reputation as a centre for thoroughbred breeding, training, racing and practical equine research, would be a major setback to veterinary knowledge in Britain.

I have been president of the university's riding club these last 21 years. Our policy has always been to encourage student vets to learn to ride in order to obtain greater practical knowledge and experience with horses which will benefit them later in their professional careers.

One of the strongest arguments in favour of keeping these two great veterinary schools is that we have now ceased to be able to train a sufficient number of vets in Britain for our own requirements and a high proportion of foreign-trained vets are having to be admitted to this country from abroad.

If the Cambridge and Glasgow veterinary schools closed there might well be a totally inadequate number of vets available in the next decade sufficiently acquainted with our national requirements.

Besides, the ever-increasing concern of the British public over food hygiene and the necessity for a much closer supervision of the source of our food from livestock and poultry will put further pressure on our veterinary profession.

I believe that if the decision to close is taken it will be seen in years ahead to have been ill-conceived and ultimately most detrimental to the health of the British public and the cause of animal welfare in general.

Yours etc.,
DEREK ALLHUSEN,
Manor House, Claxton,
Norwich, Norfolk.
March 22.

Abbey flotation

From Mr Cyril Cox

Sir, As a personal investor with Abbey National Building Society and the first-named trustee of other accounts, I have received several voting forms.

The transfer document makes it clear that only one vote can be exercised and draws attention to the potential conflict of interest from which it appears that even if I forgo the vote in respect of my personal account and exercise the vote for flotation in respect of one trust account some beneficiaries could have a claim against me, and probably all if I voted against or abstained.

Is the only solution for all in a similar position that the vote will be against flotation?

Yours faithfully,
CYRIL COX,
Lower Park, The Walls,
Mistley,
Manningtree,
Essex.
March 20.

Tachograph timetable

From Mr F. Kay

Sir, Chris Partridge's article, "Road's end for smoking lorries?" (March 16) stated that tachographs would be phased out in 1992. With 500,000 instruments in service on vehicles with an average life of eight years the transition to a computerised device would be necessarily slow.

In addition, about a quarter of the heavy commercial vehicle fleets in the UK operate only one or two vehicles and are unlikely candidates for "computerised tachographs" even if the EC regulations were to be changed to permit their use to control drivers' hours.

Our forecast is that tachographs will still be in service on many, if not most, commercial vehicles in the year 2000.

Yours faithfully,
F. KAY (Director and General Manager),
Lucas Kienzle Instruments Ltd.,
36 Gravelly Industrial Park,
Birmingham 24.
March 17.

The measure of Gill

From the Editor of The Tablet

Sir, Mr Ronald MacDonald (March 21) questions whether *The Tablet* can be considered a truly Catholic weekly after publishing Dr Nuttgens's estimate of Eric Gill. He thereby implies that a review can be taken to indicate editorial approval. Of course it cannot. I do not tell my reviewers what to say. Dr Nuttgens is a highly valued contributor to *The Tablet* who knew Gill personally. He has a right to express his judgement.

If Mr MacDonald does want to read *Tablet* reviews as expressing editorial opinion, he might like to look at the lead review in the issue of March 11, published shortly after that of Dr Nuttgens, specifically on the subject of incest.

Dr Nuttgens tried to face the huge problem Fiona MacCarthy's biography raises for anyone who takes Eric Gill seriously as a religious believer. Those who assume, in the light of the revelations about his sexual behaviour, that his religious commitment can be dismissed as hypocrisy have no problem. There is, for them, no circle to be squared. For those — and I am sure they are right — who do not take that escape route, there has to be an attempt to understand how the man who could carve the Stations of the Cross in Westminster Cathedral could also have habitually indulged in sexual acts which can only be described as depraved.

We cannot get inside Gill's mind but Dr Nuttgens tried to do so and his review seemed to me to offer some enlightenment about the way things were seen in the Gill circle.

Yours etc.,
JOHN WILKINS, Editor,
The Tablet,
48 Great Peter Street, SW1.

Public funding

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, The debate about the Government's intention to fund the Grant Maintained Schools Trust (parliamentary report, March 21) should not be allowed to obscure an important principle. It is quite proper for an independent voluntary organisation, whether a charity or not, to use public money for the full range of its activities, including campaigning, provided that it conducts itself responsibly and does not allow itself to become involved in *party* political activity. It follows that the Government is entitled to provide such funds.

Whether it is always wise for campaigning voluntary organisations to be dependent on public funds is, of course, quite another question.

Yours faithfully,
USHA PRASHAR, Director,
National Council for Voluntary Organisations,
26 Bedford Square, WC1.

Forest exploitation

From Mr B. N. Howell

Sir, Professor A. M. Ozorio de Almeida (March 11) might well have added that Britain, having been for centuries in the forefront of forest exploitation, is in no position to criticize Brazil for following our example. Having stripped 90 per cent of our own forest cover to produce, it appears, unwanted farmland, we might consider our own situation, which is far worse than that of Brazil.

Our profligacy forces us to exploit more of the softwood resources of Canada, Scandinavia, and Russia than any country except Japan and USA — in fact some 14 per cent of all the fragile surplus of world supplies.

That this cost us (mostly for softwoods) £6,638 million in 1988 seems not to worry the present Government. Yet we have unused land suitable for softwood trees; a balance-of-payments problem; an obligation to contribute to saving the ozone layer; and this Government has failed to achieve its modest tree-planting target in every year, by a wide margin.

Yours faithfully,
B. N. HOWELL,
Lukesland, Ivybridge, Devon.

Airport security

From Mr B. Adamczewski

Sir, I don't know from where Dr Swire (March 23) gets the information that "the [Lockerbie type] bomb would have easily been identifiable on X-ray". Our institute has pictures of these kinds of bomb and their X-ray machine images and they certainly do not allow an operator to identify them as a bomb easily.

The idea that the Lockerbie disaster could have been avoided, were it not for incompetence or negligence by British, US or German security authorities or airlines, is clearly not justified by the facts as available at the time and its propagation makes no contribution to the fight against this kind of terrorism.

It may even deflect public support from the measures that Western governments might have to take, once the real culprits and their likely state sponsors are identified.

Yours faithfully,
B. ADAMCZEWSKI
(Deputy Director),
Institute for the Study of Terrorism,
65 Blandford Street, W1.
March 23.

Women who work

From Mrs Alison Maguire

Sir, I returned to work in 1977 in order to maintain my skills in a very fast-moving industry (computing). After paying for the care of my children out of net income I was left with £5 per week. Had tax relief been available, I would have used it to pay for a qualified nanny, but as it was I could not break even unless I used untrained mothers' helps.

For the last nine years our Government has been led by a "working mother", yet qualified scientists like Dr Hutchinson (March 21) still need to calculate whether they can afford to go on using their scarce professional skills.

Moreover, whatever arrangements Dr Hutchinson makes, at whatever the cost, pompous senior judges will still consider her to be an "unsatisfactory" mother (Kate Brown, Friday Page, March 17).

It really is almost enough to make me go into politics.

Yours sincerely,
ALISON MAGUIRE,
Stable House, 19 High Street,
Little Shelford, Cambridge.
March 21.

Mt Athos curbs

From the Very Reverend Milun Kostić

Sir, I would like to endorse Derek Hill's plea (March 9) for an easing of restrictions on the number of Eastern Orthodox pilgrims allowed to visit the Mount Athos monasteries. While the Greek authorities should be congratulated on their success in preventing an annual influx of casual tourists disturbing the prayer and peace of the monastic community, their current practice of allowing in only a very small number of genuine pilgrims has caused anguish to many good Christians.

At present only a few non-Greeks are allowed to enter Athos daily. The quota covers not only Western visitors but also pilgrims who belong to the Orthodox churches of Eastern Europe, including my own — the Serbian Orthodox Church.

I know of many Serbs both from Yugoslavia and the Serbian diaspora in the West who have been prevented by Greek red tape from making a pilgrimage to the splendid Serbian monastery of Hilandar, founded in 1219 by St Sava, the first archbishop of the autocephalous Serbian Church. Travelling from afar, some of them reach Salonika only to find out they cannot proceed to Athos because the Greek authorities refuse to grant them entry permits as the daily quota has already been used up.

Imagine the disappointment of these devout Christians who have to turn back having failed to fulfil the long-cherished dream of paying their respects to the monastery which has played (and still plays) such an enormously important role in the history of the Serbian Church and nation.

Some years ago, I myself had to wait in Salonika for two days for the permit to proceed to Hilandar. The fact that I am a Serbian Orthodox priest did nothing to speed up the cumbersome permits procedure. I was lucky in reaching my destination eventually but many of my compatriots simply cannot afford to wait in Salonika for days.

Surely, the authorities should put an end to this discrimination against non-Greeks and should devise a system which would enable genuine pilgrims to visit their sacred places on Mount Athos more easily.

Yours faithfully,
MILUN KOSTIĆ,
St Sava's Serbian Orthodox Church,
89 Lancaster Road, W11.

Names in fiction

From Mr A. D. Petty

Sir, Mrs Elspeth Huxley (March 13) need not fall back on Smith, Jones, and Brown for her characters. The 18th-century poet Christopher Smart invented a rich collection of pseudonyms for himself between spells in the asylum.

Ebenezer Pentweazle, Zosimus Zephyr, Mrs Midnight, Ferdinando Foot — authors would be safe with them. Or would they?

Yours faithfully,
A. D. PETTY,
75 Parkanaur Avenue,
Thorpe Bay, Essex.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 24: The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam, arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Budapest.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the 1989 Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race at 1.15.

St Godric's College

St Godric's College welcomes former students and their partners to the Diamond Jubilee Ball on Saturday, May 20, at the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, SW6. Tickets £28 from the Ball Secretary, 2 Arkwright Road, London, NW3 6AD. Tel: 01-435 9831.

Dinner

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
Dr Gareth Owen, Principal of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Mrs Owen, were the guests of honour at a dinner at the college on Wednesday attended by members of the college council and senate on the occasion of Dr Owen's retirement. Sir Melvyn Rosser, president of the college, presided. A portrait of Dr Owen by Mr David Griffiths, was unveiled and presented to the college.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev S R Paul Spilsbury, Vicar, St Peter, Lawrence Weston, Bristol, diocese Bristol: to be *also* Rural Dean of Westbury and Severnside, same diocese.
The Rev Nigel J Stone, Curate, St Saviour and St George w St Andrew, Battersea, diocese Southwark: to be Parish Priest, St Paul, Brixton, same diocese.
The Rev Edward Swinnerton, Vicar, Hambleton, diocese Blackburn: to be Vicar, Barnacre w Calder Vale, same diocese.
The Rev Bernard J Wigan: to be Curate (non-stipendiary ministry), St Paul, Brighton, diocese Chichester.

Withdrawals of acceptance

The Rev Donald I Haynes has withdrawn his acceptance of the appointment as Tutor and Chaplain to Whittington College, diocese Southwark.
The Rev William E Hassal, Vicar, Gentleshaw, diocese Lichfield, has withdrawn his acceptance of the parish of Bunwell, Carlton Rode and Tibenham, diocese Norwich, because of ill health.

Church of Scotland

The Rev G Gary Fletcher to Ardeer, Stevenston.
The Rev Elizabeth S S Kenny to Carnock.
The Rev Kenneth L Johnston from Blairbeth Rodger Memorial, Glasgow, to Annbank.
The Rev Robert J Stewart from Bothwell to Orwell, linked with Portmoak.
The Rev Reginald F Campbell from Castleton and Saughtree to Kildrum, Cumbernauld.
The Rev James M Davies from Carmyle, linked with Kenmuir Mount Vernon, Glasgow, to St Stephen's, Aberdeen.
The Rev John M Paterson from Flowerhill, Airdrie, to St David's Memorial, Kirkintilloch.
The Rev Jean Stewart to retire from Kildalton and Oa.

Clifford Longley

Inquest on the Enlightenment

The Rushdie affair caught Western culture off-guard. For years those who like to think about the past and future of civilizations had been thinking serious thoughts more troubled than before, but academically and without a sense of urgency. Was religion over? Or was it the Enlightenment which was over? Was the light of Western civilization beginning to dim, and if so which candles were they that had gone out? It was a good subject for a learned paper.

But suddenly the Enlightenment and religion were in deadly collision - not with the gently decadent Christianity of the West but with fundamentalist Islam of the East - and everyone's gut reaction was straight from Voltaire. But the stirring slogans from the start of that new movement in human consciousness look less confident two centuries later, when the ideas sound like cliches and no one would defend to the death the Nazis' right to drive six million Jews, with campaigns of words as much as with gangs of things, into the gas chambers.

There is perhaps no more serious topic to talk about than this. The Enlightenment fed so many tributaries into politics, philosophy, morality, literature and almost every other working of the modern mind that if indeed it is now a spoilt and stagnant source, those who have lived by its banks must start to think about a move to somewhere more fertile.

The Enlightenment's old enemy was dogmatic religious faith, so-called superstition. It is still around unvanquished, and has learnt a few good tricks from the battle, even absorbing into its own system some of the Enlightenment's best achievements. "Human rights" is virtually a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church, for Archbishop Lefebvre was excommunicated for denying it, thereby completing one of the great circular ironies of Christian history. Voltaire should have been alive to marvel at it.

The inquest on the Enlightenment has already begun, perhaps indecently as it cannot yet be said for certain that there is a corpse. It has begun under the unlikely auspices of the British Council of Churches, but it is rapidly drifting into a movement of its own with secular as well as religious input. In fact those churches cannot be excluded from the list of all those other fruits of the Enlightenment, for their temper, if not their doctrine, is modern liberal Protestantism, an inconceivable school of theology without the Age of Reason. An examination of religion is not a bad place to start an examination of the Enlightenment, as Karl Marx almost said.

Clustering round the first theological project in this movement are growing groups of scientists, doctors, historians, educationalists and similar disciplines. Although the phenomenon started in Britain it has grown tentacles in Europe, north and south America, even, it is said, in Korea.

Its seminal work was "The Other Side of 1984" by Bishop Leslie Newbigin, which was commissioned by the council of churches in 1982 as not much more than a shot in the dark. But he hit his target squarely, and in terms which did not demand either a commitment against the Enlightenment or a commitment to dogmatic religion in order to join the conversation. The broader movement has hardly got a name, though the core project has set up shop under the somewhat limp signboard "The Gospel and Our Culture".

A turn-off or not, the name does nevertheless point to a key concept in post-Post-Enlightenment study: that it is impossible even to begin the exercise from an intellectual position entirely within the culture of the post-Enlightenment era: there has to be one foot, or at least a toe or two, planted on something right outside the system. Otherwise, as one critic has commented, it is like trying to move a bus while sitting inside it.

During previous phases of the interchange between religion and Western culture, it was the culture which judged religion, and under such judgement religion sheepishly backed away from those parts of its belief which were most at risk from Enlightenment ridicule. Miracles and resurrections were particularly ridiculous, so they had to be "reinterpreted" in a language intelligible to modern sensibility.

In this new phase, however, there is no longer such a mood of philosophical intimidation. Dogma is no longer a dirty word, not least because one of Newbigin's achievements was to demonstrate how the apparently self-contained ideas of post-Enlightenment science and philosophy were in reality far from self-evident or objectively provable, but were themselves riddled with dogma. He didn't invent the point, for this is a movement with several begetters, but he focused it.

If science and secular philosophy rest on assumptions no more nor less secure than religious faith and of the same dogmatic character, then one of the key illusions of the Enlightenment has been shattered and religion need no longer cringe in the corner. It is a basic shift of perception.

Before, the teachings of the Enlightenment were "true", in the sense of being the furthest point yet reached in mankind's quest to understand reality; and religion was an atavistic philosophical or sociological phenomenon which that "truth" had somehow to analyse and explain.

Now, it is the teachings of religion - in this case the Christian religion - which are awarded the status of a prior truth, and the culture gathered round the Enlightenment which is the phenomenon to be analysed and explained.

The most subtle insult to the Enlightenment is the recent trend to apply the insights of so-called "missiology" to it. For many years European churches with missions in Africa and Asia had been worried about the impact of Christianity on culture. They worried about preserving Christianity from contamination by local pagan cults; gradually they also realized that the Christianity they were implanting was infiltrated by European cultural assumptions which were also not "part of the Gospel" itself. These were the distortions that missiologists tried to identify and eliminate; and they concluded that there were good things and bad things in the local "native" culture, some to be rejected and some to be converted into an emerging indiginous version of Christianity, that was genuinely African or Asian yet still genuinely Christian.

It is part of the new missiological thinking to see the Enlightenment as no more than the equivalent local native culture of Europe, even to see in it equivalents to the magical cults, witch-doctors and superstitions that the first Christian missionaries found in Africa. They too are therefore subject to rejection or conversion. But that is far from treating it as the leading edge of mankind's objective search for truth. And, it must be admitted, this is to see it not so differently from the way that Muslims see it - though with more love, less incomprehension and disgust.

Time-capsule house opens to the public

By John Young

Calke Abbey, near Derby, "the house that time forgot," which the National Trust acquired in 1985, will open to the public for the first time today.

Visitors will find themselves in a Victorian "time capsule", an eccentric place, much of it left deliberately shabby, the home of a family which for nearly three centuries largely shut itself off from the world.

Few people had heard of Calke Abbey until in 1981 Mr Henry Harpur Crewe, its owner, offered it to the nation, with the surrounding landscaped park and nearly 7,000 acres of farmland to meet tax liabilities of about £8 million.

After protracted negotiations a deal was agreed whereby the Government accepted the house and about 1,000 acres of agricultural land, which forms the park's setting.

In March 1985 the house and the estate were formally handed over to the trust, together with a £7.5 million "rescue package" to pay for future repairs and maintenance. The Government provided £4.5 million through the National Heritage Memorial Fund; the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission (English Heritage) and the trustees of the Harpur Crewe estate each contributed £1 million and an anonymous benefactor a further £750,000.

The trust undertook to find the balance and more than £500,000 has since been raised through an appeal.

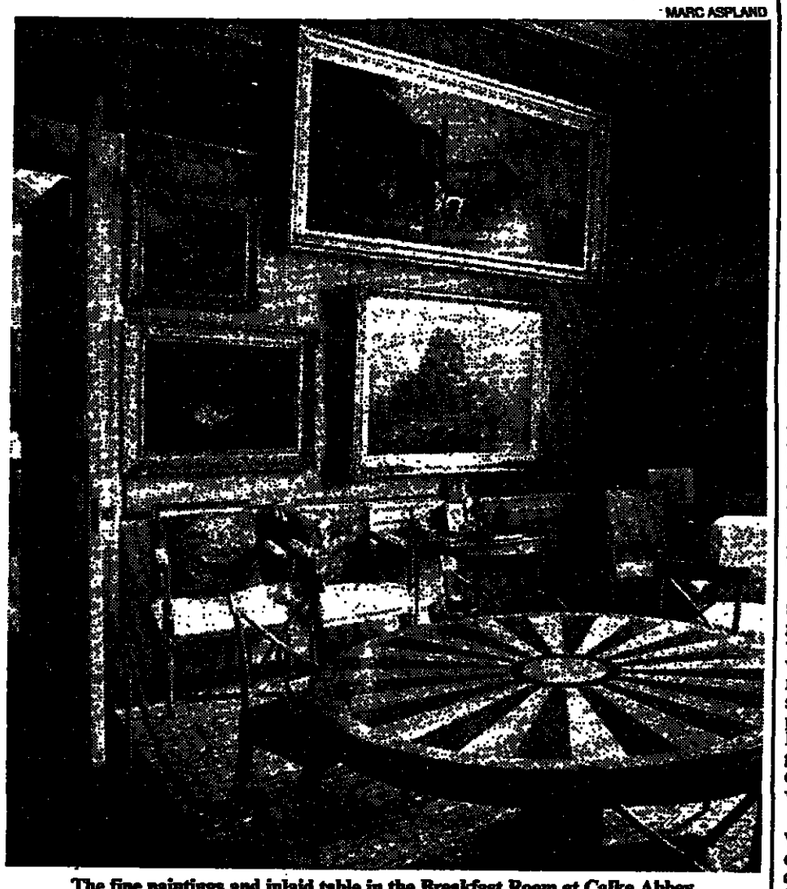
The house was built by Sir John Harpur on the site of a twelfth century Augustinian priory. It owes its present appearance largely to his grandson, Sir Henry, who had aristocratic pretensions, adopted the family name of Crewe to which he had no entitlement and outraged his contemporaries by marrying a chambermaid.

The eccentric family character was exemplified by his great grandson Sir Vauncey, who amassed a huge collection of stuffed birds and mammals, mounted heads, shells, birds' eggs and a curious range of antiques which still dominate the furnishings.

"We've gone to enormous lengths to keep the house as we found it, despite the huge programme of repairs," Mr James Turner, the trust's regional director for the East Midlands, said.

The biggest attraction however is likely to be the Calke State Bed, originally built for King George II and later given by his daughter-in-law, Queen Caroline, to Lady Harpur as a wedding present. It was never used and the colours of the Chinese silk bed hangings have survived in pristine state. From June it will be displayed in a controlled atmosphere within a 12-ft high glass box, which will protect it from twentieth century pollution.

MARC ASPLAND



The fine paintings and inlaid table in the Breakfast Room at Calke Abbey.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.D. Adamson and Miss S.K. Andrews
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Mr W. Annett and Mrs S.I. Berenger-Sims
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Lt-Col and Mrs W.N.P. Annett, of Chilton Foliat, near Hungerford, and Suzanne Ingrid, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Collin E. Berenger, of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Ceylon.

Mr N.M. Binks and Miss S.L.M. Hoskin
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr A.S. Binks, MB, BS, MRCOG, and Mrs J.M. Binks, of Sibsey, Lincolnshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Cdr R.E. Hoskin, OBE, RN (Retd), and Mrs B.E. Hoskin, of Palmwoods, Australia, formerly of Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.

Midshipman H.J. Bradnam, RN and Third Officer L.D. Lewis, WRNS
The engagement is announced between Harvey, son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs John Bradnam, of Pattiesmure, Fife, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Lewis, of Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire.

Dr M.R. Charlton and Miss F.M. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr Warwick Charlton, of Avon Castle, Hampshire, and of Mrs Marilyn Charlton, of Barnes, London, and Florida, USA, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mrs Patricia Simpson, of Diss, Norfolk, and of the late Group Captain K.W. (Paddy) Simpson.

Mr A.J.E. Dowse and Miss C.A. Brett
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr J.E. Dowse and the late Mrs José Dowse, of Cuffley, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs I.I. Brett, of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Mr N. Evans and Miss L.M.P. Conner
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Stuart Evans, of Empshott, Hampshire, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr Laurie Conner, of Chelsea, and Mrs John Pilley, of Trotton, Hampshire.

Mr M.J. Fothergill and Miss J.M. Peters
The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Fothergill, of Cayaham, Shropshire, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Noel Peters, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr P.R. Holmes and Miss L.S. Rawlins
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr D.A. Holmes, of Andover, and Mrs Y.A. Holmes, of Cobham, and Lucy, daughter of Professor and Mrs Michael D. Rawlins, of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr J.G. Kerrigan and Mrs J. Mehaffey
The engagement is announced between Gordon Kerrigan (Group Captain, RAF Retd), of Grange Court, Edinburgh, and Jean Mehaffey, of Morningside, Edinburgh.

Mr J.P. Lonsdale and Miss T.E. Booth
The engagement is announced between Joseph, son of Mr and Mrs G.J. Lonsdale, of Ilford, Essex, and Tanya, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Booth, of Allestree, Derby.

Mr M.J. Lovell and Miss H.E.P.A. Gibbons
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs B. Lovell, of Axbridge, Somerset, and Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gibbons, of Chelsea, London. The wedding will take place in Herefordshire.

Mr W.J.S. Lynne and Miss N.J. Spray
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs John Lynne, of Great Chesterford, Essex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr William Spray, of Colby, Norfolk, and Mrs Jacqueline Spray, of Old Buckenham, Norfolk.

Mr J.P. Mytton and Miss D. Krainz
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs David R.T. Mytton, of Quince House, Bilsington, Ashford, Kent, and Dee, daughter of Mr and Mrs Johannes Krainz, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr A.H. Peake and Miss A.R. Griggs
The engagement is announced between Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Peake, of Perthshire, and Anne, second daughter of the late Mr Frank Griggs and of Mrs Griggs, recently of Jersey.

Mr G.E.K. Schmidt and Miss D. Leatherbarrow
The engagement is announced between Karl, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Schmidt, of Abergavenny, Gwent, and Denise, the daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Leatherbarrow, of Formby, Merseyside.

Dr A.D. Wolfle and Dr K.J. Whichello
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Wolfle, of Radyr, Cardiff, and Karen, daughter of Mrs Sandra Whichello, of Petts Wood, Kent, and the late Mr Brian Whichello.

Mr D.M.J. Woodhead and Miss N.J. Herd
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Dr R.J. and Dr Z.M. Woodhead, of Timperley, Cheshire, and Nicola, daughter of Dr and Mrs G.J.C. Herd, of Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Marriage

Mr S.A. Zaman and Miss S. Shamim
The marriage took place on Friday, March 14, in Sacramento, California, between Mr Arif Zaman and Miss Shehla Shamim. A reception in England is to be held at Leeds Castle on Saturday, June 3.

OBITUARIES

PROF J. OTWAY-RUTHVEN

Historian of medieval Ireland

Professor Jocelyn Otway-Ruthven, one of the foremost authorities on medieval Irish history, who died on March 18 in a Dublin nursing home at the age of 79, was a woman of formidable intellect and distinguished academic achievement.

She was born in 1909 into a well-known Ascendancy family whose seat was at Castle Otway in Co Tipperary. Her father was killed in the First World War. On her mother's side she was related to Roger Casement: a connection of which she seldom spoke.

Otway-Ruthven was educated in Dublin and read History at Trinity College where she took a first-class degree. She was elected to a non-foundation scholarship in 1929 — a most unusual honour for a woman at that time — and subsequently became the first woman fellow of the college in 1968. In 1932, she was elected to a research scholarship in Girton College, Cambridge. Six years later she returned to Trinity where she remained until her retirement.

Known as "The Ot", her tall, spare, mannish figure striding across Front Square was familiar to generations of students and she is remembered by many for acts of kindness.

In 1951, she was elected Lecky Professor of History, a Chair which she occupied until her retirement and, in the same year, was made a member of the Royal Irish Academy.

She was Ireland's most distinguished medieval historian. In 1939 she published *The King's Secretary and The Cignet Office in the 15th Century* which firmly established her reputation. Her *History of Medieval Ireland*, published in 1968, remains the standard work on the subject.

She wrote articles for many publications and edited texts for the Irish Manuscripts Commission, of which she was a member for many years. Funded by the Leverhulme Foundation, she was hoping to reconstruct the lost rolls of the Medieval Irish Chancery. The completion of this work was prevented by ill health but the first part will be published shortly by the Irish Manuscripts Commission.

Otway-Ruthven was always active in the affairs of TCD and was the first Dean of the new Faculty of Arts (Humanities). She became treasurer of the Academic Staff Association when it became unionized and joined the Irish Federation of University Teachers: an unusual interest for someone from her traditional academic background. A keen gardener, she specialized in rock plants and won many prizes.

She was a staunch and traditional member of the Church of Ireland.

A severe stroke had confined her to a nursing home since shortly after her retirement.

She was unmarried.

PROF STANLEY WIJESUNDERA

Expanding education in Sri Lanka

The tragic death at the age of 65 of Professor Stanley Wijesundera in his laboratory in Colombo at the hands of extremist gunmen on March 8 has deprived the scientific world and the international educational scene of an outstanding and delightful figure.

Wijesundera made important contributions in many spheres in and outside Sri Lanka. Foremost a notable biochemist, he played a leading part in building up the department of biochemistry in the University of Colombo where he was Professor and Chairman.

Between 1979 and 1988 he served as vice chancellor of the university where his range of organizational skills and diplomacy became evident and he was a source of wide counsel in the development of his country's national scientific policy.

Despite troubled times he saw through a massive programme of development which was to influence the whole area of higher education nationally. Successively he served on a number of important committees in Sri Lanka such as the university grants commission and was chairman of the committee of vice chancellors and directors.

In the international sphere Wijesundera was an oustanding member of the council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities from 1979 and served as its chairman in 1984-85 contributing in no small measure to its expanding role. In recognition of this distinguished service to ACU the Symonds Award for 1985 was bestowed upon him.

Stanley Wijesundera, was born on December 6, 1923, and educated at Trinity College and Dharmajara College, Kandy, before entering the University of Ceylon (as it was) where he gained a first in chemistry.

In 1950 he became a member of St Catherine's College, Oxford, joining in the researches of the department of biochemistry in the group led by the late D. D. Woods where he gained a BSc and a DPhil. Stanley Wijesundera was an able researcher with an interest in microbiology and on his return to Sri Lanka he widened his interests in biochemical problems proferred by local national needs. But Stanley Wijesundera was also a talented and dedicated teacher who responded with notable effectiveness to the multilingual demands necessitated by a diverse student body.

Four months ago his retirement was marked by affectionate appreciation and it is especially sad that his plan to return to active research in his old department was so suddenly cut short.

In other aspects of life he had an active interest in rural life and in the cultural heritage of Sri Lanka and he held it to be a special privilege that he was the chief lay custodian of the Kelaniya Maha Vihare temple.

Throughout his career he was ably supported by his wife Anoja who, with two sons and two daughters, survives him.

DR JOHN DURRANT

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran writes:

Further to the obituary on Dr John Durrant (March 13) may I — as a one-time senior Science scholar of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and for twenty years an Honorary Fellow — also record how much Selwyn College and generations of its students have owed, and will owe, to his planning capabilities and foresight.

It was entirely due to his efforts that this one-time small college was able to extend its campus on both sides of Grange Road, Cambridge, to enable new buildings to be built to provide not only accommodation and facilities for nearly a hundred post-graduate research students, but also to more than double the accommodation and facilities for under-graduates and under-graduettes.

It was also entirely due to his initiative that the College has its present magnificent building, which includes the new Senior Combination room, a junior Combination room and senior guests rooms.

Durrant became an eminent expert witness in many patent actions, both in this country and in Commonwealth countries in which I was Counsel, and was frequently praised by the Courts for the clarity of presentation of scientific matters.

The two highly successful text books in chemistry referred to in the obituary were, of course, written jointly with his wife, a brilliant scientist.

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Brian Bailey, chairman, Health Education Authority, 66; Mr Humphrey Burton, television producer, 58; Lord Crawshaw, 56; Professor Sir Raymond Firth, anthropologist, 88; Profesor Sir Patrick Forrest, surgeon, 66; Mr Robert Fox, theatrical producer, 37; Miss Aretha Franklin, singer, 47; Sir Peter Gibbings, chairman, Anglia Television Group, 60; Mrs Penelope Gilliatt, writer, 57; General Sir James Glover, 60; Mr Benjamin Hanbury, racehorse trainer, 43; Mr David Hicks, interior designer and author, 60; Professor Sir Norman Jeffcoate, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 82; Lord Jessel, 85; Mr Elton John, singer, 42; Sir David Lean, film director, 81; Sir Bernard Miller, former chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 85; Mr Leif Mills, trade unionist, 53; Mr Peter Orchard, chairman, De La Rue Company, 62; Lord Quinton, 64; Mr A.J.P. Taylor, historian, 83; Lord Tennyson, 70; Mr Peter Walker, MP, 57.

TOMORROW: Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, former director, Horse of the Year Show, 84; Mr Graham Barlow, cricketer, 39; Mr Pierre Boulez, composer and conductor, 64; Lord Chetwode, 52; Miss Kyung-wha Chung, violinist, 41; Lord Fletcher, 86; Lord Graham of Edmonton, 64; Judge Jean Graham Hall, 72; Viscount Hawarden, 63; Lord Hooson, QC, 64; Air Marshal Sir Peter Horsley, 68; Miss Elizabeth Jane Howard, novelist, 66; Sir George Jefferson, former chairman, British Telecom, 68; Sir Bernard Katz, biophysicist, 78; Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch, 75; Dr Kenneth Mellanby, entomologist, 81; Sir Leslie Melville, economist, 87; Mr Didier Pironi, racing driver, 37; Mr G.T. Pryce, chief executive, Dalgety, 55; Mr Harry Rabinowitz, conductor and composer, 73; Miss Diana Ross, singer, 45.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.
Psalm 5:7

BIRTHS

BAGLIN - On March 11th, at The Rosie, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to Caroline (née Flynn) and Trevor, a beautiful daughter, Lucy Anne, a sister for Thomas.

BIDDULPH - On March 22nd, 1989, to Rosa and Michael, a son, Theo Michael.

GRAVES - On March 23rd, to Maggie and Peter, a daughter, Philippa Charis, a sister for Alexandra and Susanna.

O'NEILL - On March 22nd 1989, to Caroline (née Batten) and Robin, a son Alexander, brother for Rebecca. Deo Gratias.

PEDDIE - On March 6th, 1989, to Angela and Fraser, a daughter, Inca.

MARRIAGES

STEPHENSON:MAUDE - On Monday, March 20th, in London, Robert Anthony Stephenson to Serena Horsley Maude.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On March 17th, peacefully in Sheffield, after a long fight against cancer, Jack Dennis. A deep and thoughtful man who came from London to the 'Steel City'. The family remember the good times. Service at City Road Crematorium April 13th, 12 noon, then back to headquarters, the 'Captive Queen'. Funeral Directors C & A Reed (0742) 726323. All tributes and thoughts to Cancer Research.

BARBER - On March 21st, peacefully in nursing home, after long illness so cheerfully borne, Edna May, loved by all. Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, Chaldon, Surrey at 11 am, Monday April 10th, followed by cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex, at 12 midday. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JE.

BURTON - On March 23rd, 1989, suddenly and peacefully, Granville Murray, aged 84 years, of Windlesham Manor, beloved husband of the late Jessie Anne, much loved father of Clare, John and Clive. Quiet funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Wednesday, March 29th, at 3.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries please to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Telephone: Crowborough (0892) 655000.

LLOYD - On March 22nd, 1989, Bertha Mary, widow of E. Fraser Lloyd and dear mother of Jillian and John. Private family funeral.

RANSOME - On March 20th 1989, Gerard Lionel, of Martlesham, Suffolk, in his 90th year. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, North Chapel, on Thursday March 30th at 2.30. Donations, if desired, to Help The Aged, c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, 10 Upper Orwell St., Ipswich.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

NELSON - A Memorial Service for Dr. Maurice Prynne will be held at St Hippolytus Church, Ryme Intrinseca, Sherborne, Dorset, on April 15th at 2.30 pm.

TIPPET - Following a quiet funeral on March 21st, a Memorial Service for Lowther Grendon will be held in the Chapel of St Piran's, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, on Friday April 14th, at 3 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

TURFFREY - Sidney Charles, June 28th 1968. Remembering always, and especially today, his birthday, our beloved Brother.

TYERMAN - Ross (Elsie). On Easter Day this world will be two years poorer.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WHITAKER:FAWCUS - On March 25th 1939 at St Paul's, Ranchi, by the Bishop of Chota Nagpur, Charles, Indian Police, to Felicity (Jane). Now at Budleigh Salterton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Ado about much nothing baffles the astronomers

An enormous cloud of gas in the depths of space continues to puzzle astronomers six years after its discovery. The cloud, apparently made entirely of hydrogen, was discovered in 1983 by Stephen E. Schneider, then at Cornell University, and his colleagues.

In a report in *Astrophysical Journal Letters*, they described a gigantic, ring-like structure of gas without any hint of stars, as if somebody had taken a galaxy, removed all the stars and left the gas in place. But why such a large structure should have stayed inviolate for billions of years, immune from tidal disruption by surrounding galaxies, remained a mystery.

Schneider and his colleagues continued to investigate the cloud, and their latest results are reported in the current issue of the *Astronomical Journal*. But their results are disappointing: despite a battery of high-technology instrumentation trained in its direction, the great black cloud remains as obdurate and silent as ever.

The cloud is associated with a cluster of galaxies in the constellation of Leo, and was originally detected by accident during a survey of galaxies using the giant radio telescope at Arecibo in Puerto Rico.

The researchers were monitoring radio emissions on the 21-centimetre wavelength, the wavelength characteristic of the radiation from atomic hydrogen in space. It came as a surprise that the cloud should be made of atomic hydrogen and nothing else. This makes it effectively invisible to searches conducted at any but the 21-centimetre band. But further research confirmed this surprise discovery.

After scouring the cloud for visible light, X-rays and infra-red radiation using several ground-based telescopes, the IRAS infra-red space telescope and the X-ray detector aboard the Einstein spacecraft, they found no sign of anything but hydrogen.

Their extensive search, they say, was an "ado about much nothing". There was no evidence of stars, dust or clouds of molecules or atoms (besides hydrogen). If there is anything to be found in the cloud, it must be very well hidden indeed.

There were hints, though, that "dark matter" may be around somewhere in the cloud. The existence of dark matter is currently more of a theoretical possibility than an a fact: dark matter is only detectable from its effects on the ordinary matter visible in telescopes. The researchers may have detected hydrogen which has been ionized, and the exotic particles that some researchers believe constitute dark matter could be responsible for this.

With so little evidence of the cloud's contents, the researchers are forced to conclude that it is primordial, a leftover clump of the raw materials used to make stars and galaxies. Nobody really knows why it has stayed like that for so long, but its nearest neighbours in space might provide a clue.

The cloud seems to be part of a small cluster of galaxies, the brightest of which is the spiral galaxy, Messier 96. As galaxies evolve, titanic gravitational interactions are thought to tear apart residual gas clouds, but the evolution of the *Messier 96 group* seems to have been very orderly: all the galaxies appear to be moving in a way which minimizes the risk of collision, and which maintains the shape of the cloud.

Henry Gee

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Archaeology

Better than a Roman road

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

New studies on one of the largest known Roman aqueducts have shown that it was built to essentially modern standards of safety and water transmission. The channel successfully carried a water supply more than 30 miles, even though the springs stood less than 60 feet above the eventual destination so that a very flat channel was needed.

The aqueduct was built in 19BC to supply Nemausus in Gaul, the modern city of Nimes in southern France. It seems to have been designed by Marcus Agrippa, a friend and colleague of Augustus who was responsible for many public works of the early Roman Empire.

The source of the water, which had to supply an urban population of 50,000 was near the village of Uzes, some 12 miles north of Nimes. The spring yielded more than six million gallons a day, enough to give everybody in the city about 150 gallons, but the terrain between spring and city was rough.

The problem was solved by building a 31-mile diversion to the east; this left two serious problems, the small difference in elevation between the ends of the system, and the crossing of the River Gardon.

The second was solved by constructing one of the most famous and best-preserved civil engineering works in the entire Empire, the Pont du Gard. This three-tiered bridge, 160 feet high and 900 yards long, carried the aqueduct channel, sealed by stone slabs, in its upper storey. The largest of the arches, some 80 feet across, would allow six lanes to traffic to pass beneath them.

The bridge was solid enough to withstand the very strong winds that funnel down the Gardon valley: Professor George Hauck, of the University of Missouri, has calculated that the combined compressive and tensile stresses of a hurricane blowing at 134 mph would be needed to start to lift the six-ton blocks of the structure. The highest wind speeds recorded in the area are less than 100mph and exert about half the pressure of the hurricane: the margin of safety against cracking was "both reasonable and equivalent to the typical margins of today", Professor Hauck says.

The drop of only 56 feet from the spring to the castellum, the distributing basin at the entrance to the city, allowed an average slope of only 34 centimetres, about 13 inches, per kilometre. Professor Hauck found that the water nevertheless flowed with great energetic efficiency.

Mathematical modelling of the flow rate through the smooth-sided channel, which was sealed with a concrete made from lime, pork fat and fig juice, showed that it would be optimal when the water was 60 centimeters deep across the 1.2 meters width. This applied equally in the steeper initial portion of the aqueduct between the springs and the Pont du Gard, where the slope was 67 centimetres per kilometre, and in the downstream portion where it was as low as 3 inches per kilometres.

The steepness of the upper portion was the result of wanting to keep the bridge as low as possible, but even so the Pont du Gard was the tallest span the Romans ever built. Surprisingly, the average gradient for the lower portion of the aqueduct, at 19 centimetres per kilometres, allowed an optimal water depth of 60 centimetres.

Investigation of the castellum at Nimes showed that it had been built with three large drains in its floor, and two sluice gates. The latter allowed the rate of water inflow to be measured, and would also hold the water back for a short time. Professor Hauck calculates that by draining the basin rapidly and then closing the gates, about 20 minutes would have been available to clean the floor of the basin or effect minor repairs.

Source: *Scientific American*, Vol. 260 No. 3 (March 1989).

A striking Fabergé egg in glass fibre



Clockmaker Gary Seal displaying a Fabergé-style egg clock of glass fibre made by John Smith and Sons of Derby, which is to grace the Hermitage bar at Moscow's Savoy Hotel.

Oxford don raises £1m to save his department

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

The Oxford professor who declared the Turin Shroud a fake has raised £1 million to ensure his archaeological sciences department does not fold when he retires next year.

Professor Edward Hall, aged 64, director of the university's archaeological research unit, said the money had been donated by 45 businessmen and "rich friends" and would be used to create a chair of archaeological sciences at Oxford.

Professor Hall, who runs a small business making scientific instruments in his back garden, has held the unpaid directorship since the founding of the department in 1954.

"My successor had to be paid but there was no way the university could raise the money. So the only way of preventing the whole department from collapsing was for me to create the chair by raising the money. I was determined to keep the work going after I retired."

The university agreed to support the rest of the department if Professor Hall could find the £1 million for the chair.

The new post will be filled by Dr Michael Stanley Tite, keeper of scientific services at the British Museum.

Professor Hall said he did not think publicity arising from his research into the authenticity of the Turin Shroud had anything to do with his success in raising the money.

Oxford University launched an independent fund raising campaign for £200 million last year and is expected to begin a "mass solicitation campaign" of individuals next month.

According to figures publised last year at least eight of the 20 richest people in Britain are graduates of the university, including Sir John Sainsbury, head of the supermarket chain, Sir Adrian Swire, a financier, Mr Peter Lewis, chairman of John Lewis, Lord Cowdray, chairman of the Pearson group, Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Allied Foods, and the Duke of Buccleuch.

The carbon dating tests carried out in Oxford showed the Shroud — revered for centuries as Christ's burial cloth — was woven in the Middle Ages, probably between 1260 and 1390.

Services for Easter Day

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Lloyd), Vaughan Williams in G, Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner); 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), Now the green blade riseth (arr. Shaw). The Archbishop; 3.15 E, Responses (Lloyd), St Paul's Service (Howells), Christ rising again (Weelkes); 6.30 Service & Compline. Rev Dr C A Lewis.
YORK MINSTER: 7.15, 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), This joyful Eastertide (trad), Responses (Smith). The Archbishop; 11.30 M, Easter Anthems, Collegium Regale (Howells). Very Rev J Southgate; 4 E, Collegium Regale (Howells), Rise heart thy Lord is risen (Vaughan Williams).
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8, 9 HC; 10.30 M, Stanford in C, Responses (Leighton). Very Rev E Evans; 11.30 HC & Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Haec dies (Byrd). Bishop of London; 3.15 E, Stanford in A, Moses and the Children of Israel (Handel), Coronation Te Deum (Walton). Rt Rev K Woollcombe; 6 ES.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Abbey Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Laudate Dominum (Mozart). The Dean; 3 E & Procession, This joyful Eastertide (arr Wood), Responses (Rose), Stanford in A, Hallelujah (Handel). Very Rev J Lang; 5.55 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES. Canon C Semper.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Haec dies (Byrd), Easter Anthems, Bishops of Woolwich & Southwark; 3 E, Wood in F, Britten in C, Worthy is the Lamb (Handel). Very Rev D L Edwards.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 10.30 SM, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Haec dies (Byrd), Angelus Domini (Casciolini), Carillon de Westminster (Vierne), 12, 5.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Magnificat primi toni (Palestrina), Iubilate Deo (Gabrieli), Pomp and Circumstance No 1 (Elgar).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11 HM. Canon J Hine.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart). Canon A D Caesar.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 8.30 HC; 11 15 S Euch, Darke in F. Rt Rev R D Say.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 Ceremonies & Euch. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford). The Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M; 12 HC. Haec Dies (Byrd), Stanford in C, Ave verum corpus (Elgar), Coldstream Guards. Rev T H Robinson.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M, State Parade, Britten in E, O clap your hands together (Gibbons). The Chaplain.
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP & HC, Jesus Christ is risen today (Thomas), Responses (Smith), Stanford in C, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), This joyful Eastertide (arr Wood). The Master.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Haec dies (Byrd). Rev M J Stokes.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30, 12.15 HC; 11 M, Stanford in C, Haec dies (Byrd). The Chaplain; 3.30 E, This joyful Eastertide (arr Harris), Aston in F, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Easter Liturgy, Blessing of the Paschal Candle & S Euch of the Resurrection. Canon P Delaney; 4 Euch at St Katharine by the Tower.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 8.15 LM; 11 HM, Mass in C (Mozart), Angelus Domini (Casciolini). The Vicar; 6 E & B, Murrill in E, Haec dies (Byrd). Rev G A Reddington.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11 Family Communion. Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 7, 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M. Preb C E L Thomson; 6 R. Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch. Rev S Acland.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 Procession & SM, Paukenmesse (Haydn), Regina Coeli (Mozart).
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 11 Family Communion. Rev J A K Millar; 6.30, Handel's Messiah.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 HC. Rev Dr M Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC; 10.30 S Euch. Rev K L Yates.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Kronungsmesse (Mozart). Fr J Gaskell; 3.30 E & B, Evening Service (Murrill); 5.30 LM.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch, Ireland in F, Stanford in C, This joyful Eastertide (arr Wood). Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Blair in B minor, Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford), Christ the Lord is risen again (Rutter), Hallelujah (Handel). Canon J Oates.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Ireland in C, The strife is o'er (Ley). Rev J Vine.
ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 S Euch & Renewal of Baptismal Vows; 6.30 EP.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Te Deum in C (Stanford). The Rector.
ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8, 12 HC; 11 MP. Rev G C Taylor; 6.30 EP. Rev P J Galloway.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, Missa Ellensis. Rev J Paul.
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 11 HC. Rev M Bunker; 6.30 EP. Rev G Rowlandson.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Euch, Cantata for Easter Day (Bach). Rev D Reeves.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Hallelujah (Handel). The Vicar; 6 E, Stanford in C, Blessed be (Wesley). The Vicar.
ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Haec Dies (Byrd). The Vicar; 6.40 E. The Vicar.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Since by man came death (Handel). Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Stanford in B flat, Blessed be the God (Wesley). Rev D R Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Schubert in G, Hallelujah (Handel). Rev T D Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons). The Rector.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 6.30 Easter Vigil, Ceremony of Light & Renewal of Baptismal vows; 8 HC; 9.45 Euch. The Vicar; 11.30 EP. Rev S Roberts; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC). Rev G Lee; 6.30 EP with Easter dances.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12 HC; 9.30 S Euch. The Vicar; 11.15 M. The Vicar; 6.30 E. The Vicar.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa in Resurrectionis Domini (Vecchi). Fr J Gilling; 6.15 E & B, Evening Canticles in F (Dyson), Te Deum (Stanford), Regina caeli (Aichinger).
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Euch, Mass in C (Beethoven), Victimae paschali laudes (Plainchant). Rev C Hamel Cooke; 6.30 E. Rev R McLaren.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 HC. Rev D C L Prior; 7 ES. Rev J Crossley.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Euch, Harwood in A flat, The Easter Anthems, Haec dies (Sheppard). The Rector.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Communion Service in B flat (Stanford), This is the day (Hodson), Easter Anthem (Baker). Rev C Courtauld.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Coronation Mass (Mozart). Rev D B Tilyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8, 7.45 HC; 11 Parish Communion, Darke in F, Alleluia Psallat (Mathias), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Preb J Pearce; 6.30 E, This joyful Eastertide (Harris).
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi (Lobo), Motets (Guerrero). Fr C Colven; 6 E & B. Fr G Morgan.
ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Regina Coeli (Mozart); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC. Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Easter Readings & Carols.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 HC; 6.30 Prayers & Readings.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM, Missa in honorem Sancti Joseph (Peeters), Terra tremuit (Byrd), Panis Angelicus (Franck).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45, Nelson Mass (Haydn), Haec dies (Shepherd).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Spauer Mass (Mozart), Haec dies (Palestrina), Exultate justi (Viadana).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Heilig Mass (Haydn), Haec dies (Palestrina); 3.30 V & B, Haec Dies (Sheppard), 4.30, 7.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Mass in G (Schubert), Dum transisset Sabbatum (Taverner), Toccata (Duruflé).
ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Mass, O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Exultate Justi (Viadana), 12.15, 6.30.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12 30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM of The Resurrection; 5 V & B.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11 Rev D McArthur; 6.30 Philip Turner.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 9 Communion, Rev M Braddy; 11 Rev L Fernando & Rev M Braddy; 6 HC. Rev M Braddy.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev P Hoar; 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.
KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11 Wynne Lewis; 2.30 William Atkinson; 6.30 Colin Dye.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev Dr R Scopes.
SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11, 3, 6.30 Col J Larsson.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC, Rev R R Englund; 7 Choral V, Barry Ferguson, Good Christian men rejoice and sing. Rev P E Erickson.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Henry II, reigned 1154-89, Le Mans, France, 1133; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Modena, Italy, 1786; Arturo Toscanini, conductor, Parma, Italy, 1867; Béla Bartók, composer, Nagyszent Miklos, Hungary, 1881.

DEATHS: Nicholas Hawksmoor, architect, London, 1736; Novalis, pseudonym of Friedrich, Baron von Hardenberg, poet, Weissenfels, Germany, 1801; Anna Seward ("The Swan of Lichfield"), poet and novelist, Lichfield, Stafffordshire, 1809; Caroline Chisholm, 'the emigrants' friend', London, 1877; James Payn, novelist, London, 1898; Frédéric Mistral, poet, Nobel laureate 1904, Maillane, France, 1914; Claude Debussy, Paris, 1918; John Drinkwater, poet and dramatist, London, 1937; Faisal Ibn Abdul Aziz, king of Saudi Arabia 1964-75, assassinated, Riyadh, 1975.

The Treaty of Rome bringing into being the European Economic Community was signed, 1957. Today is Lady Day, which, until 1752, was the legal beginning of the year.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Konrad von Gesner, physician, Zurich, 1516; William Wollaston, Rationalist philosopher, Coton Clanford, Staffordshire, 1659; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, physicist, co-founder of the Royal Institution of Great Britian, Woburn, Massachusetts, 1753; W. E. H. Lecky, historian, Dublin, 1838; George Smith, Assyriologist, London, 1840; A. E. Housman, poet and scholar, Fockbury, Worcestershire, 1859; Robert Frost, poet, San Francisco, 1874; Sir Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1874; Wilhelm Backhaus, pianist, Leipzig, 1884.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Elyot, diplomat, Carleton, Cambridgeshire, 1546; Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect, London, 1726; Ludwig van Beethoven, Vienna, 1827; Charles Green, balloonist, London, 1870; Walt Whitman, essayist and poet, Camden, New Jersey, 1892; Cecil Rhodes, Muizenberg, South Africa, 1902; Sarah Bernhardt, actress, Paris, 1923; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, prime minister 1916-22, Ty Newydd, 1945; Max Ophuls, film director, Hamburg, 1957; Raymond Chandler, La Jolla, California, 1959; Sir Noel Coward, St Mary, Jamaica, 1973.

The first Sunday newspaper, *The British Gazette*, was published, 1780. The first cremation in England at Woking, 1886.

The value of aerial studies

Aerial photographs, which provide valuable historic records, are all too often lost or discarded, according to the newly formed National Association of Aerial Photographic Libraries (John Young writes).

Such photographs are used as the basis for map-making but contain much more information than the map-makers need, such as individual trees, ground cover, sub-surface archaeological remains, road markings and traffic densities. As they become older, they are less and less useful for map-making but increasingly valuable as records of a particular era.

Evidence of previous land use, and of former pits and craters which have since been filled in, can be of considerable help to structural engineers designing building foundations.

Further information can be obtained from Mr Alastair Macdonald, Room N102, Ordnance Survey, Romsey Road, Maybush, Southampton SO9 4DH. Telephone 0703 792550.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

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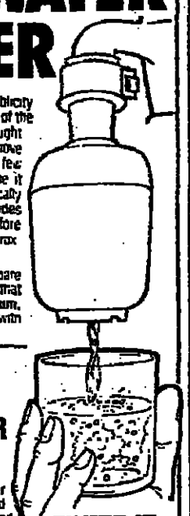
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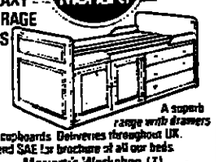
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KING DICK
(a) April Fool, rhyming slang for "thick"; like much slang, it has many, loose meanings, which vary from *place to place* and speaker to speaker, e.g. also a brick, a bricklayer, and a boss or leader.

PETRONEL
(b) A large horse pistol. French *pétrinal*, either from the Latin *pectus, pectoris* the chest, whence the pistol was *fired, or petra* a stone, i.e. the gun-flint.

CARDECU
(a) An obsolete French silver coin, from the French *quart d'écu* the quarter of a crown.

TORCHON
(c) A duster or dish-cloth, (in full *torchon lace*): or peasant's bobbin lace of loose texture and geometrical design, or a machine-made imitation; *torchon paper* is a rough absorbent paper commonly used for water-colour drawing, from the French verb *torcher* to wipe or swab.

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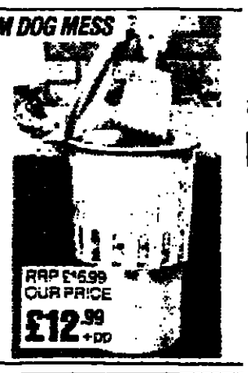
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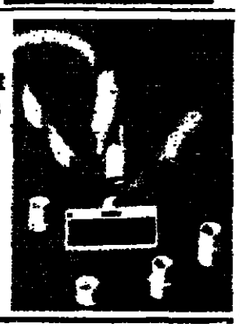
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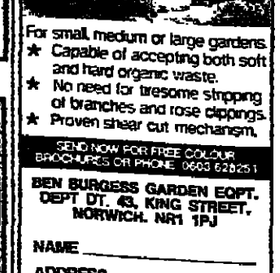
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Contemporary jewellery is in demand by those who want to strike an individual note. Nicole Swengley looks at some leading designers

A new exhibition of contemporary jewellery, by 34 leading designer-makers in Britain and West Germany, opens next month at London's Craft Council Gallery. Among the younger exhibitors, Jane Adam works mainly with anodized aluminium, having evolved her own special technique for colouring and stipple-patterning. Gordon Stewart, a recent graduate of the Royal College of Art, transfers photographic images on to his large, pictorial brooches, while Mariz Wong makes chunky, witty rings from base metals.

The new interest in contemporary jewellery is explained by Adam: "People want a strong colour theme to brighten a plain wardrobe, yet they also want something versatile which can be worn in the day or the evening." Her pieces range from £16 for a small circular brooch, to £142 for a pair of extravagantly shaped drop ear-rings.

Tim Cohen grapples with traditional materials to produce textured, unusual shapes. His sterling silver serpent ear-rings cost £60; a mermaid brooch, decorated with semi-precious citrine, costs £88.

Shape, as much as material, seems to be the current criterion for choosing contemporary pieces. Maura Heslop has taken full advantage of this with her etched, figurative, four-legged beasts in silver, brass and steel. Even more curious are Mike Abbott's pieces — pastiches of urban developers and estate agents — on sale next month at Oggetti. He highlights contemporary concerns in brass badges, which start from £100 each.

Louise Slater's boldly shaped, colourful jewellery is laser-cut in Formica. Her latest collection uses a new semi-transparent laminate from Italy which looks like frosted ice. These shield-shaped pieces have pebbles and stones in ear-rings and brooches, from £15.

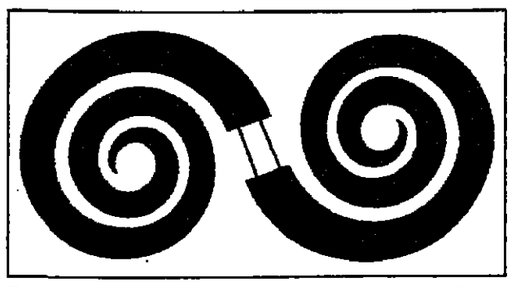
Rowena Park's snappy acrylic pieces are hand-cut, shaped and polished to produce basic shapes that are engraved, inlaid and painted by hand for decoration. These are sold under the "Independent Jewellery" tag, with prices ranging from £6-£24 for a pair of ear-rings or a bangle. Anne Finlay is another designer-maker exploring the potential of plastic. Her boldly designed ear-rings, brooches and neck-pieces, in screen printed plastic, are colourful and light to wear. Prices start from around £11.50 for a pair of ear-rings.

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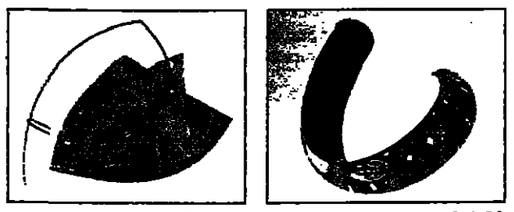
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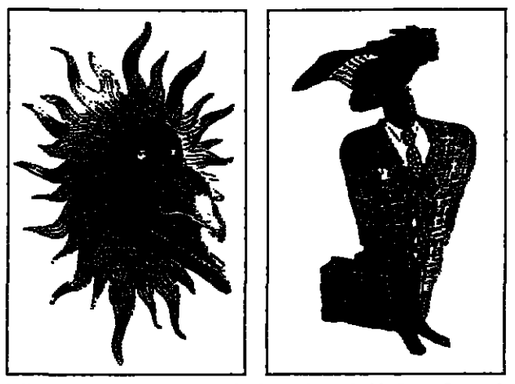
Anodized aluminium jewellery by Jane Adam (left to right): on hat, brooch-cum-turban ornament, £210; brooch, £210; paisley-shaped brooch, £185; hat brooch, £185; ear-rings, £100 per pair. Model wears: dagger brooch, £150; Persian motif drop ear-rings, £250 per pair



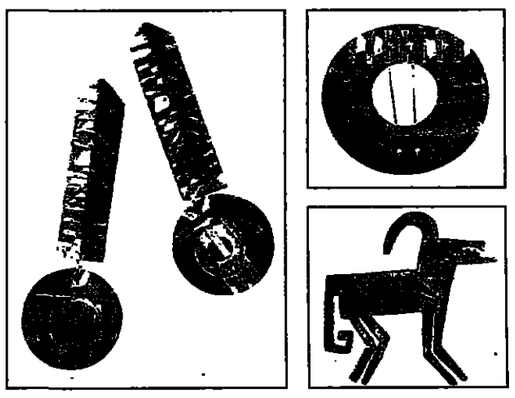
Double spiral brooch in Formica, at £41.40, by Louise Slater



Anne Finley brooch, £10.35, and Rowena Park bangle, £12.90



Mike Abbott social cartoon badges, from £100, from Oggetti



Stud and drop ear-rings (left) £24, and circular brooch (above right) £16, both by Jane Adam, and figurative brooch (below right) £52, from a range by Maura Heslop at Metal Factory

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Preserving a good name

The right title can work wonders for almost anything, as Deyan Sudjic finds

The fact that he chose to call his empire The Really Useful Group tells us all we could possibly need to know about Andrew Lloyd Webber. Just imagine the plight of the company's switchboard operators, repeating "Hello, Really Useful Group speaking," until their faces hurt. It is a name whose smug cuteness instantly reveals a minor public schoolboy who has failed to grow up. One who may have made a lot of money in a hurry, but who still wears his hair over his collar and listens to Spike *Milligan tapes.*

But as the shattered remnants of the third force in British politics will testify, after months locked in a bitter debate over the nuances of calling themselves Liberals, Democrats, or any permutation of the two, names are a deadly serious business. They are also a highly lucrative one. Interbrand, one of the largest of Britain's specialized name brokers, turned over £4.4 million last year on such projects as labelling Guinness's non-alcoholic lager, Kaliber, calling Sainsbury's DIY chain Homebase, and giving Austin Rover the Metro, Maestro, Montego family.

"There are really four reasons for working on an organization's name," says Simon Paterson, of Wolff Olins, also big in the identity business. "There are the mergers and acquisitions — of which the Liberal Democrat fiasco is a textbook example of how not to do things; there are the new launches; the companies changing direction; and the emergency first-aid projects."

Classic examples of the latter include Townsend Thoresen's decision to re-name itself P & O European Ferries after the Zeebrugge disaster, and sinister old Windscale's metamorphosis into would-be bright new rustic Sellafield.

Despite the tight legal controls on registration, and the computerized generation of new names in competitive areas like drugs, coming up with a completely new name can still be a fairly baroque experience. James Woudhuysen from Fitch & Co, who advised the Midland Bank on what to call Vector, its guaranteed overdraft card, describes it as "brainstorming".

"At the first meeting, the Midland people knew that giving a name to a complicated and difficult-to-explain package of financial services would make it easier to sell. But their ideas about what to call it were simplistic. They were talking about the Al Konto, or PDQ. I suggested we call it 'The Gorbachev', partly to clear their minds," says Woudhuysen with a straight face.

"People will pay extra for something off-beat or humorous, they like to know they are dealing with an organization that is on the same wavelength as themselves. I wanted a name that would sound stylish and sensual, but which was also technical, precise and efficient.

"In the end I suggested Indigo Vector, which covered both ends, and they accepted the Vector bit, although not my idea about launching it with a performance of 'Mood Indigo'." Midland claims to be well pleased with the number of Vector accounts, but are wary about producing any figures.

Butlins is much more forthcoming. "Since we renamed our five sites in 1986, business is up 20 per cent in a static market," says marketing manager Trevor Davies. "That means an extra 150,000 visitors."





P & O Ferries (top) and BhS (above): new names for established companies

Butlins, once the most resonant name in the British holiday business, was looking a little faded when the Rank Organization took over three years ago. It sold off the tattiest camps and poured £170 million into the rest. It wasn't so much the Butlins name itself that was a problem. Rank wanted to get away from linking the less-than-glamorous sound of Skegness and Bognor, and to signal that something new was going on.

Not every name change shows instant results. When Terence Conran took over British Home Stores, he changed the name of his own business to Storehouse and also opted to change the name of the new acquisition.

"He recognized that British Home Stores had a somewhat dowdy image, and he felt it was a time for a change," says BhS now. The new company is simply called BhS, with a hand-drawn h, representing a creative new twist to the classical type of the B and the S.

Apart from the hardnosed commercial aspects of naming, there is also a psychological dimension involved. Few things in life are more revealing than the choices we make when naming inanimate objects. To get the real message from a company name, you need to look at its subtext. What is being hidden tells a lot more than what is being said.

Small companies try to sound like large ones. Sclerotic big ones try to sound nimble and efficient. Dusty old-established organizations have a desperately predictable way of trying to sound modish by adopting a name that might have been fashionable a decade ago. So staid old Marriage Guidance Council kicked over the traces and mysteriously renamed itself Relate, taking a great leap forward into the 1970s.

Names go through the same fluctuations of fashion as everything else. The innovators are followed sheeplike by the rest of the field. After IBM, every other computer company in the world wanted to call itself by a set of enigmatic initials. At one time, initials were to hi-tech companies what sunglasses are to aspiring rock stars. Then along came Steve Jobs and the Apple. Now all the aspiring silicon tsars call their companies after assorted fruit and veg, under the impression that it makes them sound user friendly and creative.

Most of the point of going through a costly name change is the supposed effect it has on the staff and the customers. But marriage guidance councillors do not suddenly turn into different people just because their employer has changed its name. And the Watford Hilton still does not have quite the same ring as more glamorous outposts of the group.

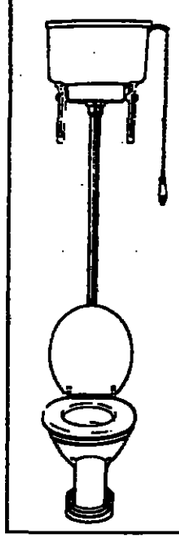
By adopting all those conspicuously redundant definite articles and cod Edwardian long-windedness, precisely at the moment that he is hiring tax planners, lawyers and accountants, Lloyd Webber is trying to sound as if he is still running a cosy little business making chutney on his kitchen table.

Other people are just as unconsciously revealing in the way they use names. Only a country that combines an admiration for Rambo with a 55 mile per hour national speed limit, like the United States, would want to drive about in four-wheel drive pick-up trucks with the words "Ram" or "Mustang" etched across the tailgate in 2ft-high letters of burnished chrome and etched steel.

Only the Japanese could be so transparently impressed by all things Western as to make a soft drink with the brand name Sweat, written in English on the can, a best seller. As long as they do, at least one sector of British industry is safe from the threat of Far Eastern imports.

According to Namebreak (clearly a name which itself took a lot of thinking over), which specializes in the name business: "You can call yourself anything you like, provided you have *enough money to persuade the world to* take you seriously. If you have megabucks to spend on advertising, even something as superficially absurd or meaningless as Wang or Sony will do. But if you don't have that sort of money, a good name does give you an edge."

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US investor in talks on Mcorp purchases

A US entrepreneur looks set to create the largest banking group in Texas, in a deal which involves one of the biggest bank recapitalizations on record.

Mr Robert Abboud is believed to be negotiating with US bank regulators to buy part or all of the 25 subsidiaries of Mcorp, the struggling Texas bank group. The acquisition, added to Mr Abboud's ownership of First City Bancorp, the fourth largest bank in Texas, would give him the state's leading financial services group.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is expected to pump at least $2 billion (£1.16 billion) into Mcorp, which lost $903 million last year,to save it from bankruptcy.

US income up

Personal income in the US increased in February to $4,315 billion (£2.508 billion), a seasonally adjusted 1 per cent rise from the previous month's $4,273 billion, the US Commerce Department said. The figure included a large increase in subsidy payments to farmers.

Shell contract

Petronas, Malaysia's national oil company, has signed a contract with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group under which Shell will invest 2 billion ringgit (£425 million) on exploration of the Baram Delta offshore oil field in East Malaysia.

$173m deal

Breda Construzioni Ferroviarie, the Italian engine manufacturer, has been awarded a $173 million (£101 million) contract to supply 140 engines for the underground railway system in Washington DC.

330 jobs to go

Trade union officials are to meet management next week to discuss the loss of 330 jobs at two factories in Derbyshire. Meridian Sportswear, part of Courtaulds, says 180 jobs will be lost with the closure of its plant in Derby, and there will be 150 redundancies at Bolsover.

Algerian fraud

APS, the Algerian news agency, said auditors had uncovered several major frauds in state enterprises. It said a housing agency in the western town of Oran had misappropriated building materials worth 7.5 million dinars (£588,000), as well as frauds in several banks.

Olive oil buy

Italiana Olii e Risi, part of the Ferruzzi Finanziaria group, has signed a preliminary accord to acquire all of Carapelli, the Italian market leader in high-quality olive oil for 43 billion lire (£18 million).

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Minorco will pursue bid despite ruling

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Minorco, the mining investment group led by Sir Michael Edwardes, has decided to pursue its troubled £3.2 billion offer for Consolidated Gold Fields, despite a US appeal court decision which will make it difficult to meet the April 26 deadline for resolving the bid.

The Luxembourg group intends to defend the US antitrust and securities law cases brought by ConsGold and its associate Newmont Mining, in the hope of persuading the New York District Court to lift the bar on its acquiring ConsGold shares in time.

It regards any further appeal to higher courts as impractical and has little hope of reaching an agreed bid, which would persuade ConsGold to halt the actions.

Mr Keith Irons, a spokesman for Minorco, admitted yesterday that the appeal court decision to uphold the injunction against Minorco may defeat the bid. "It is a very serious setback and could still block us," he said.

There was some good news for Minorco, however. It was told that the US government committee on foreign investment had no objection to the bid on national security grounds under the 1988 Omnibus Trade Act.

ConsGold had contended that if the South African-controlled Minorco acquired its stake in the Australian Renison group, supplies of zirconium and titanium could be threatened.

Minorco has now cleared all official government regulatory barriers to the takeover. It passed US government anti-trust scrutiny last autumn and has also been cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the European Commission.

Minorco said it now intends "to pursue means of lifting or modifying the injunction entered in the US District Court in New York which currently prohibits Minorco from purchasing shares in ConsGold to take its stake above 30 per cent."

It will seek to go back to the court within seven days and offer undertakings to sell ConsGold's stake in Newmont, its main US gold-mining asset, within a reasonable time, and not exercise management control in the meantime.

It will also contend that there is no question of the merger concentrating 30 per cent of free world gold production under the control of the De Beers/Anglo American group, since it has already undertaken to sell ConsGold stakes in Gold Fields of South Africa and Renison to unconnected third parties.

Minorco intends to keep Gold Fields Mining Corporation, the wholly-owned US gold mining interests, which have important new mining prospects but at present account for less than 1 per cent of world gold production.



Sir Michael: bid setback

On the second ConsGold legal action, allowed because the appeal court ruled that the bid must meet US securities laws on disclosure, Minorco said it was still confused about what extra requirements, if any, might be needed.

"We have to agree what we might have failed to produce what is required under US securities laws and publish another document if necessary," Mr Irons said.

ConsGold will press for much more detail about Minorco's relationship with De Beers/Anglo American and for more information about the ramifications of the South African group.

To meet the bid timetable under City takeover rules, Minorco might need to raise its £14-per-share offer (which has received little support from shareholders) before the court cases are resolved.

But after virulent attacks from Mr Rudolph Agnew, the chairman of ConsGold, it has virtually given up hope of negotiating an agreed bid.

"I do not think that is something we shall be spending much time on," Mr Irons said. "We are poles apart on how we value ConsGold. It would be rather difficult for us to reach agreement with them."

Minorco is also unlikely to seek immediate dispensation from the City Takeover Panel to extend the bid timetable, though it is keeping its options open in case the court actions are resolved late in the day.

ConsGold shares plunged 175p to £12.44 on Thursday after City dealers concluded the US appeal court decision was likely to scupper the bid.



Saying it with flowers: Gerald Smith, chairman of Cramphorn, which makes a 'substantial' proportion of sales at Easter

An air of calm over Cramphorn

By Wolfgang Münchau

The Met Office, not the City, appears best qualified to forecast profits of Cramphorn, the USM-quoted garden centre group based in Essex.

While it is true that many British companies tend to blame bad weather (or high interest rates) for poor performance, Cramphorn is indeed one of the few almost entirely at the mercy of the winds.

Cramphorn this week announced interim pre-tax profits up from £150,000 to £210,000 for the period to December 31, against annual pre-tax figures for the year to July 2 of about £1 million.

About 85 per cent of total profits came in the second half last year, mostly in the spring period from March until June, and most of those at weekends, particularly bank holiday weekends such as Easter.

Mr Gerald Smith, a former director of County NatWest, who three years ago turned "green" to become chairman of Cramphorn and is a hobby gardener himself, was unable to say how much the Easter weekend amounts to as a proportion of total sales. But he admitted it was "substantial."

The 40 per cent rise in interim profits came despite a fall in sales from £7 million to £6.6 million and was almost entirely due to the mild winter, because stock losses, which usually occur because of frost, were kept at a minimum.

Cramphorn owns 14 garden centres, mostly in out-of-town locations in the South-east, which are all open during the Easter season.

There are plans to sell two smaller centres this year and to acquire two larger ones, but, as Mr Smith admitted, the expansion prospects are limited.

It takes about three years to obtain planning permission for centres, so acquisitions, such as the recent £1.3 million purchase of a centre in Wokingham, Berkshire, remain the most obvious expansion strategy.

If profits hit £1.5 million — which is unlikely this year, irrespective of the weather — Cramphorn will join the main market, hopefully within three years, Mr Smith said.

The interim dividend this year has been raised from 1.5p to 1.65p. Over the past year the share price has outperformed the market, rising from 300p to 480p, trading at 24 times earnings on a historic basis.

● Weather note: the outlook in *The Times* weather forecast for Easter is " very windy with heavy blustery showers."

Rank in talks on £300m UK film theme park

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

Britain's Rank Organisation and the Hollywood-based Universal Studios have held talks to create a £300 million Californian-style theme park and film studio in England, within easy reach of the South-east.

Rank this week committed $200 million (£115 million) to buy a half share and play a major role in plans by MCA, Universal's parent, to reproduce its highly successful Hollywood adventure rides in Florida.

Senior executives at Rank and Universal told *The Times* that talks over the Florida project had taken three months, and future joint deals would include Europe. The timing of the European theme park would link in with completion of the Channel tunnel.

Announcing the Florida deal this week, Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive of Rank, confirmed that a European theme park film studio was a possibility. "We look forward to possibly collaborating with MCA in its plans for a European motion picture themed studio attraction."

Universal wants to build its third park on 500 acres in Europe, and is currently studying three sites: in Britain, France and Northern Italy. The film director Steven Spielberg is playing a leading role in creating the new rides.

Mr Charles "Skip" Paul, vice president of MCA, which also produces television shows such as *Miami Vice*, said: "We are most seriously looking at an English location. We talked to Rank for several months over the Florida projects, and there are certainly other opportunities for co-operation. We might well link up to build a theme park in Britain. After all, Rank own Pinewood and they have an immense film library. Our association with them goes back 50 years.

"The attractions we put into the parks will depend on their location. A decision is likely to be made later this year. If it is Britain, we would want the emphasis to be on British films, and if we decide on Paris, the attractions will be rather more French."

Arch-rival Walt Disney is planning to open a theme park in Paris in 1992, and admits its location was influenced by the amount of concessions offered by the French government. These concessions, according to highly placed film industry sources, will not be available to Universal.

Universal's plans are a direct assault on Walt Disney, master of the thrill and adventure rides that last year provided almost three-quarters of its profits.

Disney has dominated the entertainment parks in Orlando, Florida, for almost 20 years. Universal plans a park eight miles down the road on a 444-acre site with parking for 5,500 cars, employment for 2,000 and a park capable of handling 6 million visitors a year, to be opened next spring.

AMI profit slumps to $18.6m

By Rodney Hobson

American Medical International, the US hospital group, reported sharply lower profits in the half year to February 28. The figures were announced yesterday, a day after it denied speculation that it would sell its 65 per cent owned British subsidiary AMI Healthcare.

AMI produced net income of $18.6 million (£10.8 million) in the first half compared with $63.3 million a year earlier after adjusting for a change in income tax accounting. Earnings per share were 26 cents against 76 cents.

AMI said the figures were distorted by the inclusion of a charge of $13 million from special malpractice insurance provisions and one of $11 million in lease buyout costs. The year-earlier figure benefited from a $50.7 million post-tax gain from an accounting change partly offset by a $33.9 million charge from debt repurchase.

Stripping out these items still gave lower net income in the current year, $42.6 million against $46.5 million. Revenue was also down, from $1.51 billion to $1.32 billion.

AMI Healthcare on Thursday denied speculation that it was about to be sold after consulting its US parent.

Chicago exchange paves way for 24-hour options trading

By Colin Narbrough

Widespread concern among futures exchanges, triggered by moves by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade towards round-the-clock trading, has spread to the options business.

This follows the news that the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the biggest in the world, has agreed in principle with Reuters and the Cincinnati Stock Exchange to set up a worldwide 24-hour electronic network for trading options and their underlying securities. Mr John Hull, executive vice president of Reuters America, said: "This venture will speed the process of providing a true 24-hour electronic market in world-class stocks and stock options."

Mr Duke Chapman, the CBOE chairman, hailed the the development of the electronic network as "a natural" for all parties concerned, reflecting the way Chicago, birthplace of the modern futures and options business, sees the industry adjusting to technological change.

The proposed electronic network will be accessible on 170,000 Reuters video terminals in more than 100 countries. It will list all the options traded on the CBOE, the shares traded on the CSE and 9,000 over-the-counter shares.

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Australia at the crossroads could prove a gold mine for British

Waltzing ahead with the Poms

From Colin Campbell
Perth, Western Australia

Australian stock markets in general — and mining shares in particular — are once again standing at the crossroads, not knowing which way to turn.

But as one local investment adviser says: "The Poms love a punt, and as soon as the stock market begins to show some volatility, foreign and local investors will be back."

Meanwhile, the investment community is feeling shell-shocked by the avalanche of poor economic news and spiralling inflation figures, and in Perth this week they were suffering additionally from the collapse of yet another financial institution.

Last month it was Rothwells, the merchant banking organization, which fell from grace, leading to colourful scenes at Perth airport when Mr Laurie Connell, Rothwells' chief executive, was served with a court order temporarily preventing him from leaving Australia. Court papers were served virtually as the airliner was waiting to taxi down the runway bound for London.

Now Sun Corporation, a Malaysian-controlled business, and its associated companies, have had a provisional liquidator appointed — leading to public anger from private depositors who only hours before the collapse were still banking their life savings in the corporation's coffers.

The backwash from Australia's financial and economic woes has rubbed off in a negative way on to the stock market and on trading volumes as London and local investors pause for breath.

The investment hiatus has also not been helped by adverse Australian currency movements and the poor Australian dollar gold price.

However, the investment scene is not entirely without merit and the local community insists — cautiously — that there are bargains to be found, especially now that so many shares are but a shadow of their former peak.

"An investment now with a 12- to 18-month period in mind could prove rewarding," analysts at Kleinwort Saw James, the broker, tell *The Times*.

Today's investment strategy suggests concentration on gold mining companies which have other precious and base metal interests; on those which have proven reserves and a steady production; and on those companies whose financial income is assured because of their forward gold sales programmes.

"Australian dollar weakness will, see-saw like, lift the Australian gold price equivalent, and again concentrate investors attention on mining stocks," according to Mr Peter Marflett, director of corporate advisory services at Kleinwort Saw James, and Mr Malcolm Carson, investment analyst of the same firm.

"However, no real kick in market activity can be expected from either local or overseas investors until the Australian gold price again strikes the AUS$500 an ounce level — and holds."

Current stock market favourites include ACM, and ACM Gold; Sons of Gwalia; Dominion — now in a contested bid situation for Whim Creek (itself one of *The Times* five mining shares of the year); Placer Pacific; and Home Steak.

Fears of the January 1, 1991, gold tax, and thoughts of a general election possibly in September, are other factors overhanging today's investment scene.

However, analysts agree that there will be a number of rationalizations and takeovers among mining shares in Australia, and suggest that the astute investor should not be short of the sector.

But, until the Poms march back into the Australian stock market, selectivity must remain the watchword for all would-be investors.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French trade gap falls to surprise £46m

Paris (Reuter) — France's much narrower than expected trade deficit in February is expected to strengthen securities markets and the franc, but there is no sign yet of a significantly improving trend overall, economists said.

External trade showed a seasonally adjusted 500 million franc (£46 million) deficit in February after a Fr2.6 billion gap in January. Economists had predicted a deficit as wide as Fr4 billion or Fr5 billion. They noted however that the February gap was narrowed sharply by Fr2.8 billion of income for eight Airbus airliners made in Toulouse. This compared with Fr1.2 billion for four Airbuses factored into the January accounts.

US ruling on Aids drug

Triton Biosciences, a subsidiary of Shell Oil Co, said the US Food and Drug Administration has designated its Betaseron an "orphan" drug for the treatment of Aids. Betaseron, a trademark for recombinant human interferon beta, is a protein that protects against viral infections. Orphan status grants exclusive marketing rights to the drug for seven years.

Nippon Steel profits ahead

Nippon Steel Corporation, Japan's largest steel firm, forecasts a Y60 billion (£267 million) parent net profit in the year ending March, up from Y31.88 billion. Its current profit will be about Y160 billion, unchanged from an earlier forecast, and up from Y62.16 billion the previous year. The annual dividend will be Y5, up from Y3 a year earlier.

Eastern court order

The federal bankruptcy judge overseeing the Eastern Air Lines case has ordered the appointment of an examiner with a broad mandate to end the strike at the airline quickly and get all of Eastern's planes back in the air.

Judge Burton Lifland made it clear he wanted Eastern's management and the machinists' and pilots' unions to resolve their acrimonious dispute. Doing so would serve the public interest, he said, because thousands of passengers could then use tickets now considered worthless. The examiner is to be appointed in the next few days.

Copier giant claims victory in fight to match rivals

Rank Xerox sharpens image

It has taken nine years, but Rank Xerox, the copiers to electronic typewriters group, claims it is now performing as well on copier quality, costs and delivery as its world competitors, including the Japanese and other Far East makers.

Rank Xerox, in which Xerox Corporation of the United States has a 51 per cent stake and Britain's Rank Organisation the rest, is the world leader in producing copiers. But by 1980, beset by losses in market share, it estimated its unit manufacturing costs were double those of major competitors in Japan.

Not only that but the quality of Rank Xerox products was lower and the company's ability to deliver on time was poorer, Mr Dick Holmes, the company's manufacturing director for Europe, admitted.

But Mr Holmes went on: "Today we are as good as or better than anyone else in the industry on most of these parameters. We have demonstrated that Japanese companies are not invincible."

To judge its own performance Rank Xerox used the best performance in each area of operations by any other competitor as benchmarks. The main Japanese competitors include Canon, Ricoh, Toshiba and Sharp, some of them increasingly sourcing components in other lower-cost Pacific rim countries such as Taiwan and South Korea.



Dick Holmes: confident

Rank Xerox estimates it reached parity last October and would have done so earlier had the competition not gone on improving their own performance. The company now sees its key task as maintaining its newly-won position. Mr Holmes said: "I am confident we can do that because of all we have learned during this decade. Anyway our customers will insist."



Making progress: light sensitive equipment in production

First investigations into benchmarking at the end of the Seventies, when Rank Xerox was faced with a declining market share, showed the biggest difference was in cost of components. Rank Xerox was paying twice as much for parts as Japanese competitors.

It meant redesigning copiers from scratch so there were fewer parts, less weight, lower costs and more electronics, said Mr Holmes. Crucially, with its new range Rank Xerox was able to recover in the key market for medium volume — or medium speed — copiers. It was able to retain its dominance of the high speed copier market and was able to make an impact in the low speed market.

Redesign reduced the cost differentials by a third. Rank Xerox then attacked procurement. It cut suppliers from 3,000 to about 300 so quality control was much improved and just-in-time delivery techniques fully developed.

Mr Holmes said: "It brought a dramatic fall in procurement costs that brought us to parity on materials costs."

Rank Xerox is still not able to match Japanese competitors in lead times and inventory levels. Mr Holmes said: "Like most other British and European multinationals we source components from suppliers around the world whereas most Japanese companies have theirs adjacent to their major plants. We have had to make up for this handicap elsewhere in our operations."

Rank Xerox has consequently looked at factors such as manning, product quality, cost of overheads and space utilization. Over nine years employment levels at five plants in Europe have fallen by more than half to 5,200 — achieved without compulsory redundancies.

Overheads were reduced from a 360 per cent rating to 137 per cent by last year, a 13 per cent better performance than the closest competitor benchmark.

Inventories showed a 65 per cent improvement to 34 days of supply. Since 1987 manufacturing output increased from $650 million to more than $1 billion, producing substantial productivity gains.

Derek Harris

Court gives green light to Polaroid buyback

Polaroid has scored an important victory in its effort to remain independent, through the Delaware Supreme Court's refusal to halt the company's plans to repurchase 22 per cent of its shares.

Shamrock Holdings, which has been seeking to acquire Polaroid, said it would tender its 6.9 per cent stake in the instant-photography company. Most other investors are expected to tender their shares as well, so Shamrock may be left with a sizeable stake in the company after the Polaroid buyback.

More shares are likely to be tendered than Polaroid is seeking to buy.

Shamrock, an investment concern based in Burbank, California, had asked the court to block Polaroid's plan, contending it would put too many shares in the hands of those friendly to management. In Delaware, where Polaroid is incorporated, a hostile bidder must acquire 85 per cent of its target comany's shares to gain control.

The investment company said it would have no comment to make beyond announcing its plan to tender the Polaroid shares at the $50 (£29) a share offered by Polaroid. New York Times

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Daiwa teams up with French in M&A sector

Tokyo (Reuter) — Daiwa Securities and Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole, France's largest bank, have agreed a tie-up in the mergers and acquisitions sector, an executive from Daiwa Europe, the wholly-owned British unit, said.

Daiwa Europe and CNCA's investment bank, Union d'Études et d'Investissements, made the deal, which includes the exchange of information on mergers and acquisitions and other links between Japanese and French companies.

The move is in line with Daiwa's aim to form a network for merger and acquisition business in the EEC. Daiwa's planned M&A company in London is expected to play a central role in the network. The company will also seek a possible link in M&A in West Germany.

Nikkei sheds 20 points on Easter profit-taking

Tokyo (Reuter) — Share prices fell after an initial surge, with most investors sidelined and some taking heavy profits ahead of the long Easter weekend and end-of-year book closings on March 31.

The Nikkei index shed 20.14 points to close at 31,568.52, ending the week 452.49 points down. Turnover was 650 million shares after 800 million on Thursday. Most world markets were closed for Easter holidays yesterday and will be shut on Monday. Japan's remain open.

● New York (NYT) — On Thursday, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 20.17 points, to 2,243.04. For the shortened week, it ended down 78.21 points.

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Typical	4.55	4.60	3.70	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.40	8.73	6.98	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	8.81	8.81	7.05	2,500-50,000	1 mth	Local Branch
"	9.44	9.44	7.55	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	8.63	8.63	6.90	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2805
" " "	8.68	8.68	6.94	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2805
NatWest	9.13	9.13	7.30	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	8.88	8.88	7.10	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	8.94	9.32	7.46	2,500	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.30	8.60	6.88	1,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save	4.50	4.50	3.60	No min‡	none	01 626 6543
Girobank	8.20	8.20	6.56	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	7.60	7.90	6.32	1,000‡	none	01-626 5536
Midland HICA	8.50	8.77	7.02	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	8.00	8.24	6.59	500‡	none	01-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.63	8.91	7.13	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	7.50	7.50	6.00	2,000	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
B'ham Midshires	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Britannia	8.40	8.40	6.74	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc	9.25	9.25	7.40	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	9.40	9.40	7.52	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Prome Selwood	9.00	9.20	7.20	500 min	none	—
Hendon	9.50	9.73	7.60	500 min	30 day	—
Homeaddale Benfit	10.00	10.25	8.00	500 min	60 day	—
Mercington	10.00	10.25	8.00	1,000 min	90 day	—
Alliance & Leic.	10.35	10.35	8.60	1,000 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	5.00	5.00	4.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	6.90	6.90	5.52	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	6.00	6.00	4.80	500 min		balances
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c'	6.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	10.75	8.06	6.45	5-100,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*‡	11.50	8.63	6.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66191
Deposit Bond*□	11.50	8.63	6.90		3 mth	041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50		1 mth	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	6 day	091-3864900
General				20-200/mth	14 day	
Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	12.00	9.02	7.23	100-no max	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
New Direction Fin	10.15	10.15	8.63	10,000 min	1 yr	Figures from
New Direction Fin	9.25	9.25	7.86	1,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Liberty Life	9.25	9.25	7.86	1,000 min	3 yrs	Vere call
American Life	9.25	9.25	7.86	15,000 min	4 yrs	01 404 5788
Financial Assur.	9.25	9.25	7.86	10,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RPI (February 88-89)	+7.8%	Holiday rates	$ buys
Bank Base Rate	13%	Spanish Pesetas:	196.00
Personal Loan	19.7%	French Francs:	10.72
Credit Card	16-26.8%	Greek Drachmas:	264.00
		Italian Lire:	2295.00

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LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Abbey National 0908 691122	12.95	over 60k	100	
Bradford & Bingley 0274 5651111	12.90	over 60k	75	0.5% cut from base rate for min. of 2yrs
Principality 0222 344188	12.75	over 50k	95	
BANKS				
Citibank 01 741 8000	13.20	over 50k	95	
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Target Home Loans 0296 394000	13.20	60k++	90	End. & Pension loans only. 0.25 reduction

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Li Ka-shing on the prowl for purchases outside HK

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong's wealthiest entrepreneur, is on the prowl for investments and acquisitions in Britain, the United States and Canada, as part of a strategy to reduce the share of his business empire in the Crown colony.

In one of his rare interviews with the non-Chinese press, he told *The Times* in London this week that his target was to reduce his Hong Kong assets to about 60 per cent of his total assets. Currently, they account for some 80 per cent.

But Mr Li, credited with breaking the British hold on big business in Hong Kong, has no intention of joining the people and companies moving away because of concern over 1997, when the colony is due to be handed back to China.

Jardine Matheson's Hongkong Land, the colony's biggest property owner, has decided to relocate to Bermuda on "political-economical" grounds. Rising emigration, especially among middle management, is also starting to cause problems for some companies.

Mr Li, whose giant flagship company, Cheung Kong, encompasses property, finance and shipping, said Hong Kong is a good place for investment and is likely to stay that way.

At current growth rates, he foresees the Hong Kong property market, in which his Hutchison Whampoa group is a leading player, being able to maintain present levels.

While confessing to "some worry" about the world economic picture, Mr Li said the basic economy of Hong Kong was "good". Income was increasing faster than inflation, and standards were improving.

He recognized problems in the labour shortages and emigration, but said companies had their own way of dealing with these, and his group was not badly affected.

MARK PEPPER



Seeking acquisitions in Britain: Li Ka-shing at the Ritz during his visit this week

For the future, irrespective of political changes, he saw Hong Kong continuing to draw success from having the best natural harbour in the region, a skilled workforce, and excellent trading links. Asked about the lack of progress on the political structure after 1997, Mr Li observed that talks were "coming along quite nicely."

"Direct elections may be one of the best answers. But we should not be in a hurry," he said, noting that Peking's negotiators have been "very reasonable."

The billionaire businessman, aged 60, said he was unaware of any Chinese government pressure to put its people on the boards of Hong Kong companies, although companies may see benefits in Peking directors. Mr Li, a native of China's Guangdong province, says China wants Hong Kong to remain an economic success. But he believes it is important to help China develop.

Bass ready to roll as MMC gets steamed up over the tie

DAVID BREWERTON

On Tuesday, those whose misfortune it was to try to write sensible comment, within a matter of hours, on the "terrible twins" released on the brewing industry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, found the conclusions hard to understand. More than 600 pages later, the mist has still not cleared.

Let me first dispense with the report into Elders IXL's bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. Nothing I could find in the report distracted me from my first impression: if greater competition is to be established within the brewing industry, then the market leader has to be challenged.

Allowing Courage to merge with Scottish & Newcastle might have made that happen. John Elliott, chairman of Elders, is not a gentle person and would have fought Bass for every point of market share. And it would have happened more in Scotland, where Bass and S&N each claim 40 per cent of the market, than elsewhere.

But the merger is stopped, and there is about as much mileage in examining the reasoning as there is in wondering why the cellar slops are cloudy.

The thicker of the two reports, not only in terms of the number of pages, has yet to be accepted by the Government. Lord Young is "minded to implement" the report into the tied-house system, but the Cabinet ought to dissuade him from it. The proposal to limit the ownership of licensed premises to 2,000 per brewer is such a basic and blatant infringement of property rights that no Conservative government in its right mind should allow it.

Imagine the ramifications if the idea was extended. Perhaps Woolworths should not be allowed more than 2,000 shops. Or Barclays Bank more than 2,000 branches. Banking, after all, is a vertically integrated business in that Barclays does not sell the Midland's personal loans, nor does it acquire its funds from Lloyds. And in banking there are only four big players, not the "Big Six" of brewing. For a Government committed to deregulation to regulate the basic right of a manufacturer to own his retail outlets is nonsense.

Let us assume, however, that the report is adopted more or less as proposed. The Monopolies Commission *will* achieve, in the short term, at least one of its objectives, the protection of the regional brewer. By the distortion of market forces, the march of the big brewers will be held back. The regionals will be able to enjoy their local monopolies, serving whatever beer they want in any standard of premises that their customers will accept, protected from competition by licensing laws which prohibit new entrants.

I can see the romantic attractions of preserving regional breweries. Local beers are one of the few aspects of daily life which distinguish South Shields from Southampton, when all the high streets have been taken over by Sears and Burtons and all the houses are built to a price by Wimpey. That does not make regional beers, or the pubs that sell them, better. Only local.

The major brewers, which the director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Borrie, had in his sights when he called in the MMC, face some difficult decisions. Two of the biggest, Bass and Grand Metropolitan, are likely to emerge stronger than ever.

According to Tim Clarke, brewing analyst at Panmure Gordon, the power of Bass's brands and its strength of distribution in the free trade will ensure its continued place as market leader, while Grand Metropolitan, with the best brewery in the London area, Mortlake, and a well-crafted retail position can pick its own options.

Bass could spin off its brewing operations which, even without the 2,000 pubs it would be allowed to own, could be worth a billion. GrandMet lacks a lager brand, but as chairman Allen Sheppard commented this week, potential buyers are queuing up for the brewing capacity. GrandMet could then strengthen its grip on the pub market.

Waiting nervously must be Allied-Lyons. Bugged by Alan Bond's stake and lacking strength in beer brands, it is slap in the front line for Bass's steamroller. By the time Bass Brewing plc has finished with the market even Bond might be able to afford to buy Allied's breweries.

Greater competition?

At the same time, the dismantling of the big players in the vertical integration game will introduce the wholesaler to a far greater percentage of beer distribution. He will act for a variety of brewers and will want his percentage, so where there are generally only two profit cuts now, at the brewery and in the pub, there will be three.

Will that produce lower prices?

The report, unlike the report into Elders/S&N, was not unanimous. Leif Mills appends a well-argued note of dissent, which I hope Lord Young has read as closely as the main report.

The final irony, perhaps, is that Paul Channon was sitting at the Trade Secretary's desk when the MMC was called in, and Leon Brittan may have the last word from his bunker in Brussels.

Knight of the long knives

Sir John Hoskyns has never been afraid of the limelight and, if I may take a leaf out of the politicians' book and thoroughly mix my metaphors, indeed a shrinking violet would have been hopeless at the helm of the Institute of Directors. Sir John knows that if he is to be heard he has to catch the headlines, and that there are few better ways of catching the headlines than to provoke a public row.

Sir John put in his thumb, and pulled out Lord Plumb, cutting up his IoD membership card in front of Press cameras. His headlines, twice in two weeks, were guaranteed.

The problem with this approach is that while it pushes the medium into the centre stage, the message is in danger of disappearing into the wings. In all the words written over the past couple of weeks, few sentences addressed the problems to which Sir John was attempting to draw attention.

Let me quote from this week's speech (which, incidentally, he re-iterated in a telephone call to *The Times* from France on his way to a holiday. Contrary to certain crude attempts at disinformation, he is not retracting one word):

"We believe that, on present indications, 1992 is going to fail, for three reasons. First, insufficient progress is being made on the really difficult measures needed to remove internal frontiers".

Can Lord Plumb really disagree with that assessment? While every member state is happy to play lip service to the 1992 ideal, there are so many cultural gaps to be leaped and ingrained attitudes to be challenged that they will take a generation to overcome.

"Second, a great deal of political energy and administrative time is being wasted in drafting vague proposals about European monetary union and trans-European social policies which, even if they are workable and desirable, are not prerequisites for the single market".

Sir John could have added that in this country we speak with many voices on the matters of monetary union and a European central bank. The National Westminster Bank, for instance, forecast this week that by 1992 we would be in the EMS. The Government is non-committal, if not uncommitted.

"Third, we believe that the machinery of the commission and its institutions is organizationally and managerially inadequate for the task facing them".

It is.

Sir John is not unaccustomed to rattling the cage in which some believe leadership of the IoD should imprison him. He was once close to Downing Street and is still on more than nodding terms with senior members of the Cabinet. While he is not in any sense a ventriloquist's dummy on the matron's knee, his message is one that the Government is happy to be spread.

Especially if he, rather than Lord Young, takes the flak generated by the more ear-catching anecdotes.

US eases Soviet trade curbs

Washington — The Commerce Department, responding to pressure from exporters, is to reduce controls and simplify licensing procedures for computers and medical equipment bound for the Soviet Union.

The changes relax procedures covering shipment of products such as advanced personal computers, although not the most powerful ones, and computer-driven blood analysers.

The moves follow complaints from business that the US is hurting itself economically with restrictions on East-West trade that are generally tougher than those of its allies.

Last year's Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act mandated some of the changes, including the exemption of medical equipment from the controls, provided they met certain criteria.

In response to the more relaxed East-West political atmosphere, there have been efforts to streamline control lists, led by the Co-ordinating Committee on Multilateral Export Controls (Cocom).

"This revision simplifies the export control rules and reflects advances in product design and business practices in the computer and medical equipment areas," said Mr Michael Zacharia, assistant secretary of commerce for export administration.

The moves are in line with Cocom efforts to focus restraints on higher-technology products and ease them at the lower end of the spectrum.

"We're delighted to see them continuing to come out with improvements," said Miss Lisa Kjaer of the Electronic Industries Association.

New York Times

Mid Kent Water offer

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mid Kent Water, the £80 million statutory water group, is to give its consumers and employees the chance to take up a £7 million cut-price share offer as part of a pioneering scheme to convert itself into a conventional public limited company.

The shares will be offered at 325p each, not much more than half their possible value, based on the market prices of existing stocks.

It is part of a scheme, devised by Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, that could raise up to £20 million to help Mid Kent develop into related businesses, such as plumbing, and finance its plan to remain independent.

The proposals had to be shelved this month after Générale des Eaux, the French water company, raised its holding of Mid Kent redeemable preference shares to control 29.9 per cent of the company's votes, and Saur, a rival French group, built its holding to 16 per cent.

The two French companies, with others representing more than 80 per cent of the votes in Mid Kent, have agreed the scheme, although it could reduce any long-term prospect of them gaining control.

"You could say the French have decided to give management a chance," Mr David Anslow of Brown Shipley suggested.

Under the scheme, a new Plc called Mid Kent Holdings will offer to convert all five classes of Mid Kent ordinary and perpetual preference shares, which have recently traded at about £7 each, into ordinary shares in the new company. The offer will be on a one-for-one basis with minor variations.

The 8.75 preference stock, redeemable in 1997, which is mainly in the hands of the French, will be converted into a similar redeemable stock.

Those accepting the conversion offers will also receive one-for-10 warrants to buy new stock, and be entitled to apply for a one-for-five rights issue for 3.9 million new shares at 325p each.

The offer of 2.2 million shares to consumers and employees will come on top of this, but will not be underwritten.

Sea Containers takes Stena Line to court

By Our City Staff

Mr James Sherwood's Sea Containers, which only last week was making encouraging noises about the 8.17 per cent of its shares acquired by the Stena Line, has taken legal action against the Swedish-owned stakeholder.

In a federal law suit filed in the United States, Sea Containers, which owns Sealink, the Channel ferry operator, is taking Stena to court over alleged technical issues concerned with a submission to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

In contrast to Sea Containers' generally welcoming noises after the surprise Stena stake was disclosed, Mr Sherwood's Bermuda-based group now takes the view that Stena's actions threaten the option of a bid for the whole company.

Stena has said it regards the Sea Container shares as a good investment, but has also listed proposals for business combinations with Sea Containers, or acquisition of part, or all, of the group.

A Sea Containers spokesman said the law suit was intended to bring the Swedes to account under US market procedures.

He did not expect the suit to ruin Sea Containers' long-standing good relations with Stena. Mr Sherwood still plans discussions with the Swedish company "fairly soon."

Foreign car prices to be cut in Japan

Tokyo (Reuter) — Retail prices for most foreign cars sold in Japan will be reduced on April 1, when a 6 per cent consumption tax on cars replaces higher commodity taxes.

Austin Rover Japan, the Japanese sales side of Rover Group, said its price cuts, excluding the 6 per cent consumption tax, will range from 230,000 yen (about £1,000) on the Rover Sterling to Y80,000 on the Mini Sprite.

Yanase and Co, a dealer in foreign cars, said retail prices will be cut by an average of 4.8 per cent for Volkswagen cars, 6.3 per cent for Audis and 5.7 per cent for General Motors.

BMW Japan Corp said its retail prices, including the consumption tax, will be cut by 3.8 to 9.23 per cent.

Rags-to-riches tale of Drexel assistant tainted by perjury

Boesky's ghost haunts the Street

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Like the uninvited guest at the wedding, the ghost of Ivan Boesky, the disgraced arbitrageur, continues to haunt Wall Street — this week Lisa Ann Jones, a trader's assistant for Drexel Burnham Lambert, was found guilty of perjury and obstruction of justice by a US court.

Boesky is as unforgettable, on his first anniversary in prison on insider trading charges, as he was in the "power seat", oiling the wheels which moved financial markets.

Jones, aged 26, is one of the small fish caught in Boesky's net. But her rags-to-riches tale is providing riveting copy for the New York tabloid press.

Her trial, at which she was found guilty on five counts of perjury and two of obstruction of justice though she is believed to be considering an appeal, was the first arising from the investigation of the investment house of Drexel Burnham, Lambert, as a result of Boesky's plea-bargaining disclosures to the government.

Federal prosecutors stumbled across Jones on the trail which would lead them to Mr Michael Milken, "the junk bond king" of Wall Street and then Drexel's star performer.

Ironically, Jones, who earned almost $120,000 (£69,700) a year as a member of the Drexel high-yield bond team, could spend more time in jail than either Boesky or Dennis Levine, another convicted insider trader, or any of the others implicated in the investigation.

Meanwhile, lawyers were in another Manhattan courtroom filing suit against Boesky. On behalf of a group of investors, the suit claimed Boesky had lied about his net worth after paying $100 million in fines to settle the government's case against him.

Far from being broke, as he claimed, Boesky had more than $25 million left after paying the unprecedented fine, more than enough to keep him in style after his release from prison in two years' time, the lawyers said.

The suit on behalf of disgruntled investors also named as defendants Mr Milken and Mr Lowell Milken, his brother, who are targets of another government case.

Mr Michael Milken was said to be the reason that Drexel has been unable to settle its own case by agreeing to the terms set by US government officials. Government prosecutors were said to be demanding that Drexel sever all ties with Mr Milken and that the firm was refusing on grounds that it would lose more valuable employees and customers who were loyal to him.

Meanwhile, Jones was being prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, without benefit of the plea-bargaining arrangements that even Drexel had pursued by pleading guilty to six felonies and agreeing to pay fines amounting to $650 million.

When the government first approached her about making a "deal", she remained loyal to the firm. She was accused of engaging in stock "parking deals" while working as an assistant on the Beverly Hills "junk bond operation". According to the court testimony, Jones denied knowing about "parks" or about the existence of such trades.

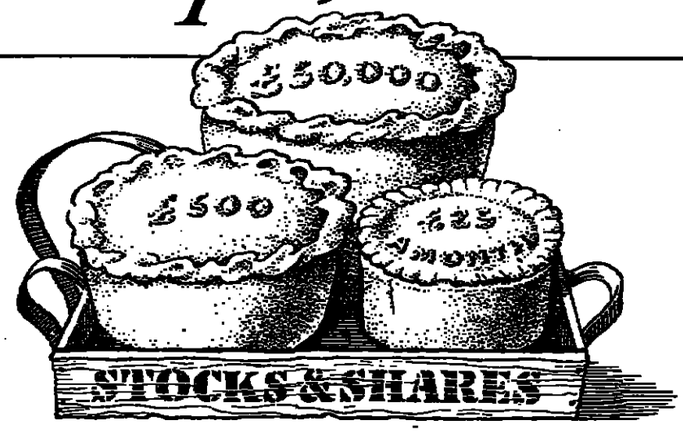
It was easy to see why she was so loyal — according to the *Wall Street Journal*, Drexel took her from obscurity and a childhood spent on the wrong side of the tracks, and continued paying her expenses and legal fees even after her indictment on perjury charges.

Small wonder that she turned down the initial approach of the US attorney's office to deliver evidence which they hoped would lead them to Mr Milken.

But unknown to Jones, the government had seized tape recordings containing conversations between Drexel and officials of a small New Jersey firm known as Princeton-Newport which was later convicted of federal securities violations.

Her voice discussing trades was on one of the tapes and she was indicted on five counts of perjury and three counts of obstruction of justice. She is to be sentenced in May.

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FAMILY MONEY

Edited by Vivien Goldsmith

BRIEFINGS

■ Mr Stephen Edell, the Building Societies Ombudsman, says he has been told by his legal advisers that he has no power to act on most of the 50 complaints he has received about the Abbey National's planned flotation. He adds that he has been told that even where a complaint is within his jurisdiction he will not be able to order the Abbey to change its proposals. The most he can do will be to order compensation. Mr Edell says he is now awaiting a written opinion from his legal advisers and will consider individual complaints when he has received it.

■ National Savings has reminded holders of the 27th issue of National Savings Certificates, which begin maturing from April 5, that they will be eligible for the general extension rate of interest, which is currently 5.01 per cent, tax free. Interest is applied on three-monthly terms. The current general extension rate is not competitive with the general level of rates in the market, mainly because National Savings is trying to discourage short-term investment. Holders of maturing 27th issue Certificates can reinvest up to £10,000 in the 34th issue, which is offering a guaranteed tax free return of 7.5 per cent over five years.

■ Few people taking a day trip to France probably think about taking out insurance. But the AA now offers 24-hour cover against medical costs and repatriation, in case of an accident, or a car breakdown, from its port offices. Motorists pay £9.50, or £8.50 if they are AA members, to cover the car and passengers. Foot passengers pay 95p each.

■ Chase de Vere has fixed rate mortgages at 12.85 per cent, but 5 per cent of the repayments are deferred for loans up to 67.5 per cent of the property value and 3 per cent deferred for advances up to 70 per cent. If the loan hits 95 per cent of the valuation, then there is no interest rate deferment. The Mortgage Corporation has variable rate loans at 12.5 per cent, with 3 per cent deferred for three years. Citibank has a rate of 11.99 per cent, fixed for five years.

■ Holders of the Barclays Premier Card, the bank's gold Visa card, now have access to a range of up-market sporting and cultural events. Called the Barclays Premier Classe, the 1989 programme includes days at Ascot, Henley, Wimbledon and Cowes. Prices range from £155 to £655 per person.

■ Customs & Excise has joined the plastic revolution. From April 3, passengers at Gatwick Airport will be able to use Visa and Mastercard credit cards to pay any duty owing on goods brought into the country. Manchester Airport will introduce the service from early May.

Questions of trust

Competition is fierce between unit and investment trusts. Tim Miller of M&G argues for unit trusts. Phillip Chappell, of the Association of Investment Trusts, stands his ground



"Unitholders are at all times guaranteed their share of the value"
Tim Miller

TIM MILLER

Apart from the exemption from capital gains tax on their internal transactions, unit trusts and investment trusts have little in common. Unit trusts are collective investments in which the underlying shares are held in trust for the benefit of the unitholders, who are at all times guaranteed their share of the underlying value. Investment trusts are companies whose shares fluctuate according to their popularity.

Unit trust management is inexpensive. The cost of buying, holding and selling a unit trust is the annual charge of around 1 per cent, plus the spread between bid and offer prices of around 6 per cent. This includes the initial charge and all other costs, including commission. The effective cost of buying, selling and holding an investment trust share is the spread between bid and offer prices, plus stockbroker's commission on buying the shares, plus stamp duty, plus stockbroker's commission on selling the shares, and plus an annual management charge.

Two questions on investment trusts:

1 Since the realization price of investment trust shares is decided by supply and demand, on the stock market and not by reference to the value of the underlying investments, how can a shareholder be sure that he gets the full benefit of any rising values?

2 What would be the typical total cost of buying £1,000 worth of shares in an investment trust, holding them for a year, and then selling them, assuming that the quoted price was unchanged?

PHILLIP CHAPPELL

IT stands for investment trusts, as every wise investor knows. And the argument for preferring investment trusts to unit trusts lies in one word – performance. A sum of The Rule of Seven, Six, Five is easy to remember: £100 invested in the average investment trust 10 years ago would have grown to up £700, to £600 in the All-Share Index, but just £500 in the average unit trust. In a building society, £100 would have grown to less than £250.

Of course, the past may be no guide to the future and equities can go down as well as up. But past relative performance must be some guide. Investors looking to balance their risks and rewards need not look beyond the best performer.

Unit trusts charge front-end fees of 6 per cent and annual management charges of up to 1.5 per cent. By contrast, total entry / exit charges for investment trust lump sum savings schemes can be less than 2 per cent, and annual management below 0.5 per cent. You do not need a calculator to realize that over ten years the identical portfolio in an investment trust must outperform its competitor by 15 per cent.

Higher costs have loaded the dice against unit trusts.

Investors become real shareholders in investment trusts, with accounts, annual meetings, independent directors, and the Stock Exchange as overseer. Shareholder capitalism and unit trusts do not mix.

Warrants, splits or convertibles offer opportunities through investment trusts for tax planning, school fee or mortgage arrangements. Unit trusts offer "plain vanilla" – with no choice.

Where else can you get £100 of marketable assets for £85? As new investors buy investment trusts, the discount narrows – halving over the past 10 years – and the benefit comes to those on the bandwagon. Unit trusts selling just at asset value cannot offer this double opportunity.

The closed-end basis, less portfolio churning, (lower costs to the investor), gearing, better information, higher yield (1 per cent higher on average) and marketability (remember October 1987) – are all good arguments.

We often hear about City experts buying investment trusts for themselves, but putting their clients into unit trusts; I wonder why? Make sure your adviser gives you the chance to enjoy IT.

Two questions on unit trusts:

1 How can anyone giving best advice recommend investments which consistently underperform?

2 Should we not get together to warn investors about the even higher costs of insurance-based savings products and the riskiness of investment in building societies (no inflation protection)?

Tim Miller replies:

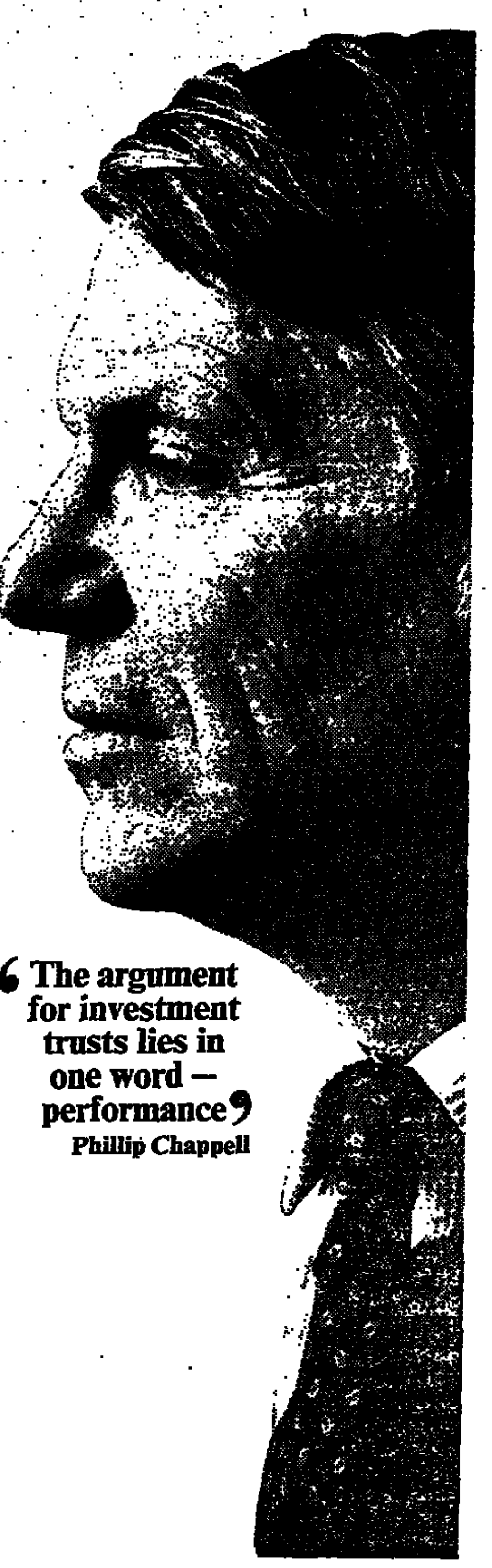
1 No one giving best advice could recommend an investment which was likely to show worse than average performance in the future. But anyone giving best advice should think twice about recommending an investment simply because its unpopularity, measured in this case by the narrowing of the average investment trust discount, had decreased over the last 10 years. What matters is the next 10 years. To base advice for this on a speculation that the investment trust discount will continue to narrow for ever and ever may be a bit optimistic.

2 Everyone involved in equity investment should join in singing its praises. Unit trusts are of course the stars, but unit-linked policies, investment trusts, with-profits endowment policies and direct investment in shares themselves are all ways of bringing the growth that only equities can achieve.

Phillip Chappell replies:

1 Investment trusts have so many plus points that they ought to trade at a premium to asset value – only when that happens could Tim Miller's question be relevant. Until then, we recognize that the share prices reflects a combination of underlying asset value and marketability. Over the past ten years the discount has been falling so that shareholders get a double opportunity for added value.

2 Taking a market-maker's spread of 1 per cent, stamp duty of 0.5 per cent, and commission costs (through a lump sum savings scheme) of 0.2 per cent (plus VAT) for both buying and selling, the combined cost of buying and selling £1,000 worth of investment trust shares could ld be as low as £19.60.



"The argument for investment trusts lies in one word – performance"
Phillip Chappell

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	12.37	13.03	+0.01	
Bear	13.09	13.78	-0.16	
Owl	16.80	17.69	-0.27	
Bull	14.68	15.46	-0.21	
Stag	15.36	16.17	-0.23	
Gilt Edged	12.23		-0.02	
Deposit	11.24		+0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	14.43	15.19	+0.02	
Bear	15.82	16.66	-0.22	
Owl	21.58	22.72	-0.39	
Bull	18.41	19.38	-0.30	
Stag	18.43	19.40	-0.31	
Gilt Edged	13.66		-0.01	
Deposit	12.55		+0.02	
Exempt App Mixed	209.3	213.6	-3.28	
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	279.9	294.7	+4.0	
Do Accum	417.9	439.9	+6.0	
Equity Fund Income	128.1	134.9	-3.1	
Do Accum	145.3	153.0	-3.5	
Selective Fund	325.9	343.1	-2.0	
Money Fund	253.5	266.9	+0.4	
Prop Fd Ser 4	335.8	344.1	+0.4	
Equity Ser 4	147.2	155.0	-1.9	
Man Ser 4	412.2	433.9	-1.6	
Conv Ser 4	226.2	238.2	+0.3	
Money Ser 4	220.0	231.9	+0.3	
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	222.5	234.3	-0.6	
American Ser 4	271.6	285.9	-7.5	
High Inc Ser 4	428.2	448.7	+0.3	
Indexed Inv Ser 4	138.1	145.5	+0.8	
Japan Ser 4	304.9	321.0	+1.6	
ALBANY LIFE 2 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£10.05	10.58	-0.12	
European Fd Accum	206.4	217.2	-2.7	
Fixed Int Acc	344.2	362.3	-1.4	
Gtd Money Fd Acc	230.4	242.5	+0.2	
Intl Man Fd Acc	302.7	318.6	-5.7	
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	200.4	210.9	-0.8	
Japan Fund	292.4	307.7	-0.2	
Nth American Fd Acc	174.6	183.8	-4.8	
Prop Fd Acc	318.6	335.3	+0.2	
Multiple Inv Acc	673.3	708.7	-7.7	
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-514514				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	256.5	270.1	+0.3	
Equity Accum	810.9	853.6	-16.0	
Property Accum	483.2	508.7	+0.1	
Far East Accum	191.0	201.1	-3.3	
Managed Capital	365.8	385.1	-8.1	
Do Accum	642.4	676.3	-10.8	
Overseas Accum	541.5	570.0	-12.0	
Gilt Edged Accum	316.5	333.2	-0.4	
Amer Equity Accum	399.4	420.5	-10.0	
Amer Man Accum	186.7	196.6	-4.1	
Amer Prop Accum	138.9	146.2	-0.3	
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-29 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 8899				
Managed Growth	329.6	347.0	+2.30	
Managed Income	144.2	151.7	+0.21	
International	205.7	216.8	+2.31	
High Income	219.3	230.7	+0.01	
Income & Growth	299.0	314.8	+0.04	
Basic Resource	131.0	138.8	+1.17	
American	171.2	180.3	+0.49	
Japan & General	471.7	495.9	+7.29	
Special Situations	263.9	277.8	+0.50	
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	595.9	617.8	-13.7	
Do Initial	474.3	499.3	-11.1	
Gilt Edged Accum	238.7	251.3	-0.5	
Do Initial	194.6	204.9	-0.4	
International Accum	289.2	304.5	-7.2	
Do Initial	234.2	246.6	-5.9	
Managed Accum	377.9	397.8	-7.0	
Do Initial	306.8	322.8	-5.7	
Money Accum	201.0	211.6	+0.3	
Do Initial	157.9	166.3	+0.1	
Property Accum	298.2	313.9	-0.3	
Do Initial	239.4	252.1		
America Accum	174.1	183.3	-4.1	
Do Initial	143.5	151.1	-3.3	
Australia Accum	165.5	174.3	+1.0	
Do Initial	136.1	143.9	+0.8	
Financial Accum	262.2	276.0	-5.1	
Do Initial	216.0	227.4	-4.2	
500 Accum	320.7	340.0	-5.4	
Do Initial	267.0	281.1	-4.3	
Japan &Gen Acc 2	448.7	472.4	-18.2	
Do Initial 2	362.4	381.5	-13.0	
Income Accum	345.8	364.1	-10.3	
Do Initial	293.6	296.6	-8.4	
Leisure Accum	219.8	231.4	-4.4	
Special Sits Accum	167.0	175.8	-3.0	
Univ Tech Accum	112.8	118.6	-3.9	
Do Initial	95.0	100.0	-3.3	
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fund	468.89		-0.48	
Income Fund	496.9	523.1	-1.94	
Extra Income Fund	453.5	477.4	+0.61	
Worldwide Growth Fd	329.8	347.1	-3.35	
Balanced Fund	401.2	422.3	-3.86	
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	583.7	614.4	-8.09	
Int Technology Fund	329.8	347.2	-3.31	
N Amer & Gen Fund	230.9	243.0	+1.06	
Energy Int Fund	129.9	138.7	+1.86	
Pacific Basin Fund	298.8	314.6	-0.61	
German Growth Fd	117.8	124.0	-1.16	
Japan Growth Fd	191.7	201.8	-0.49	
The UK Gilt Fd	141.3	148.7	-1.74	
Conti Euro Gth	75.66	79.65	+0.25	
Property Fund	265.7	279.6	+0.20	
Fixed Interest Fund	218.1	229.5	-0.19	
Cash Fund	199.0	209.4	+0.30	
Managed Inv Fund	307.2	323.4	-0.38	
Nth Amer Recov	128.7	135.5	+1.81	
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	183.3			
Managed	217.5	229.0	-2.4	
Property	172.3	181.4	-0.7	
Gilt & Fixed Int	157.3	165.6	-0.5	
Index-Linked	139.2	146.6	-0.9	
Equity	239.3	251.9	-3.7	
Cash	156.9	165.2	+0.1	
Midland Bk UT	229.7	241.8	-3.0	
Midland Bk Int	228.7	241.8	-3.2	
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£33.86		-3.85	
Property Units	£30.38			
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£41.40	43.81	-0.67	
2nd Equity Accum	418.7	443.1	-13.0	
2nd High Inc/Accum	402.1	425.5	-9.8	
2nd Property Accum	292.1	309.1		
2nd Managed 2 Acc	129.5	137.0	-0.3	
2nd Managed Acc	295.4	312.6	-4.9	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	129.8	137.4	-2.3	
2nd Deposit Accum	199.7	211.3	+0.3	
2nd Gilt Accum	202.9	214.7		
2nd Amer Accum	237.2	251.0	-7.1	
2nd Intl Money Ac	201.8	213.5		
2nd Index Accum	129.9	137.5	+0.5	
2nd Far East Accum	271.2	287.0	-4.3	
2nd Global Accum	92.0	97.4	-2.4	
2nd Euro Accum	93.3	98.7	-1.0	
2nd Japan Accum	165.3	174.9	-3.5	
2nd Heritage Acc	96.0	101.6		
2nd Intl Curr Bond	92.8	98.2		
2nd Strat Opp Acc	107.3	113.5	-2.0	
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	181.4	191.0		
Money Fund	261.9	275.7	+0.3	
Managed Fund	501.4	527.8	-7.2	
Equity Fund	399.9	421.0	-9.4	
Fixed Interest Fund	164.8	173.5	-1.9	
Far East Fund	284.0	299.0	-4.7	
Nth Amer Fund	124.0	130.6		
Nat Resources Fund	216.3	227.7	-1.3	
Alexandra Fund	110.0	115.8	-1.7	
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	175.9	185.2	-4.6	
Ruby	106.3	111.9	-2.8	
Emerald	98.3	103.4	-0.1	
Equity	203.9	214.7	-8.7	
Property	185.6	195.4	+0.6	
Gilt & Fixed Int	134.4	141.5	-0.6	
Indexed Secs	116.8	122.8		
Cash	127.8	134.4	+0.2	
Nth American	118.0	124.3	-3.6	
Far East	180.5	190.1	-4.4	
International	136.8	144.0	-3.0	
Special Sits	210.9	222.1	-4.3	
Intl Income	188.9	198.9	-4.5	
American Inc	110.3	116.2	-4.0	
European	180.4	189.9	-1.3	
Japanese	129.8	136.5	-3.3	
SE Asia	148.2	156.0	-2.5	
Home Inv WP Reg	103.3	107.7	+0.2	
Home Inv WP Spec	102.3	107.7	+0.2	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	177.3	186.7	-3.4	
Equity	194.6	204.9	-5.2	
Property	173.3	182.5	+0.1	
Gilt & Fixed Int	150.6	158.6	-1.0	
Index Linked	123.5	130.1	-0.3	
Cash	146.2	153.9	+0.2	
Nth American	122.9	129.4	-4.9	
Far East Acc	223.8	235.4	-7.1	
International Acc	157.9	166.3	-3.7	
Special Sits	293.9	309.4	-8.4	
European Flex	220.3	231.9	-1.4	
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9861				
CML U Ass-Key	186.08			
CML U Ass Pacemkr	239.39			
CML U Ass Cash	142.8	150.3		
CML U Ass Equity	361.1	380.1		
CML U Ass FI	215.4	226.7		
CML U Ass Mngd	275.7	290.2		
CML U Ass Prop	345.9	364.1		
CMLPen Cash Cap	148.9	156.8		
CMLPen Cash Inv	178.4	187.8		
CMLPen Eqty Cap	941.4	991.0		
CMLPen Eqty Inv	£11.27	11.87		
CMLPen Fxd Cap	245.7	258.7		
CMLPen Fxd Inv	294.4	309.9		
CMLPen Indx Cap	154.1	162.2		
CMLPen Indx Inv	184.6	194.3		
CMLPen Man Cap	416.9	438.9		
CMLPen Man Inv	499.4	525.7		
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helens 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	377.76		-7.74	
Var Ann (5)	72.41			
Prime- Managed	279.0	293.7	-5.2	
Prime- UK Equity	341.1	359.1	-7.9	
Prime- Int Equity	204.7	215.5	-4.8	
Prime- Property	184.6	194.4	+0.9	
Prime- Fixed Interest	164.3	173.0	-0.7	
Prime- Index-Linked	123.1	129.6		
Prime- Cash	140.6	148.1	+0.4	
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	761.9	802.0		
Equity Fund	£11.15	11.74	+0.55	
PIP Fund	£33.082			
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	383.2	403.3	-7.9	
Life Fixed Int Accum	255.9	269.3	-2.3	
Life Equity Accum	485.6	511.1	-11.2	
Life Money Accum	206.5	217.3	+0.3	
Life Inv Trust Accum	498.0	524.2	-10.5	
Life Intl Accum	357.0	375.7	-9.2	
Life High Inc Accum	515.5	542.6	-11.9	
Life Property Accum	232.5	244.7	+0.2	
Crown Brit Inv A	653.8	710.5		
Brown Equity	764.9	805.1		
DBS Managed	220.8	232.4		
Growth Accum	297.1	312.7	-7.3	
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	101.6	107.5	-1.2	
Performance Plus	94.5	100.0	-1.1	
With Profit Perf	111.9	118.4	-0.1	
UK Opportunity	133.3	141.1	-2.3	
Euro Opportunity	101.8	107.7	-1.3	
North Amer Opp	88.6	93.8	-1.5	
Far East Opp	107.0	113.2	-0.8	
Gth Prop Series 1	192.4	202.5		
Gth Prop Series 2	145.5	154.0	+0.1	
Fixed Int	109.0	115.3	-0.9	
Cash	109.5	115.9	+0.2	
Managed Pens	363.1	370.5		
Overseas	92.8	98.2	-1.2	
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	119.7	126.1	+0.3	
Blue Chip Fund	157.9	166.3	-1.2	
Adventurous Fund	162.7	171.3	-5.4	
Performance Fund	172.3	181.4	-2.6	
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	188.0	194.8	-5.2	4.21
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 463463				
UK Equities	559.4	588.8	-15.4	
Higher Income	587.6	618.6	-8.3	
Property	389.5	410.0	+0.3	
Fixed Interest	276.0	290.5	-0.2	
Index-Linked Scs	123.8	130.3	+0.1	
Gtd Deposit	202.2	212.8	+0.3	
Nth America	211.0	222.1	-8.0	
Far East	373.6	393.2	+0.5	
Europe Fund	228.7	240.7	-3.2	
International	310.1	326.4	-5.1	
Mixed	418.7	436.6	-6.5	
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	193.2	203.4	-2.7	
UK Equity	244.8	257.7	-4.4	
Stewardship	244.4	257.3	-3.3	
Overseas Equity	178.9	188.4	-3.7	
North American	91.2	96.1	-2.8	
Pacific Basin	106.4	112.0	-2.8	
European	105.1	110.7	-1.3	
Property	183.3	193.0	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	148.5	156.4	+0.5	
Index Linked	117.1	123.3	+0.8	
Cash	135.5	142.7	+0.2	
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	179.4	188.9	+1.0	
GT Plan High Yield	272.1	286.5	-3.9	
GT Plan Far East	235.0	247.4	-11.3	
GT Plan North Amer	118.7	125.0	+0.2	
GT Plan UK & GE	365.9	385.2	-12.9	
GT Plan Worldwide	266.9	281.0	-4.2	
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 2, Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR 0904 628982				
Managed	138.8	146.0	-1.6	
UK Equity	195.0	205.2	-4.2	
Fixed Int	127.3	133.9	-0.1	
Index-Linked	115.4	121.3	-0.1	
Cash Deposit	121.4	127.7	+0.2	
Property	149.9	157.7	+1.3	
International	115.5	121.5	-1.7	
American	85.7	90.1	-2.2	
Japan	144.4	151.9	-1.8	
Japan Smlr Co's	145.9	153.5	-1.7	
European	103.9	109.3	-1.1	
Pacific Fund	113.5	119.4	-0.9	
Conv Life	104.9	110.3	-1.5	
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fc Acc	515.7	475.6	-4.1	
Do Inv	342.2		-5.6	
Do Inv a	515.6	542.9	-8.3	
UK Equity	283.4	298.4	-5.5	
Overs Equity	163.1	171.8	-3.3	
Smaller Cos	190.2	200.3	-1.4	
Gilt Plus	139.0	148.4	-0.2	
Do 88	142.7	150.3	+0.8	
Fixed Int Dep	139.2	135.1	+0.2	
Managed	214.9	226.3	-3.4	
Inter Man	176.8	186.2	-2.8	
GRESHAM UNIT 2-3 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 752000				
Managed Bond	493.6	520.1	-6.0	
Money Fund	218.8	230.3	+0.3	
Equity Fund	425.7	448.6	-8.3	
Fixed Interest Fund	168.3	177.3	-1.0	
Property Fund	301.9	318.1		
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	244.1	257.2	-3.7	
Income	534.9	563.0	-9.3	
International Grwth	276.1	290.9	-8.4	
Capital Fund	496.6	526.5	-15.7	
Recovery Fund	354.5	373.8	-5.8	
Japan & General	220.5	232.3	-6.1	
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	671.6	699.5		
Managed Initial	371.1	391.2	+4.3	
Do Accum	466.2	490.7	+6.0	
Equity Initial	583.7	614.4	-1.2	
Do Accum	732.1	770.8	-1.3	
Fixed Int Initial	278.0	292.6	-0.3	
Do Accum	348.7	367.0	-0.3	
Intl Initial	321.9	338.9	-4.8	
Do Accum	403.8	425.1	-5.9	
Nth Amer Initial	100.7	105.9	-1.8	
Do Accum	114.5	120.9	-2.1	
Pacific Initial	204.5	215.3	-0.3	
Do Accum	231.2	243.4	-3.2	
Property Initial	197.8	208.2		
Do Accum	247.8	260.8		
Index-Linked Initial	117.0	123.2	+0.6	
Do Accum	133.5	140.5	+0.7	
Deposit Initial	151.2	159.1	+0.1	
Do Accum	189.6	199.6	+0.2	
Euro Initial	73.5	77.3	-0.5	
Do Accum	77.5	81.6	-0.4	
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE 41 Tower Hill London EC3N 4HA 01-702 9991				
Managed	103.7	109.1	-0.6	
Do Pens	107.1	112.7	-0.9	
UK Equity				
Do Pens	112.5	118.5	-1.9	
International	99.2	104.4	-1.8	
Do Pens	100.3	105.5	-2.2	
Deposit	98.5	103.6	+0.1	
Do Pens	100.7	105.9	+0.2	
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	362.7	372.3	-6.2	
Gilt Edged Fund	87.0	91.9	-0.1	
Capital Growth Inc	341.7	360.7	-4.8	
Technology Fund	126.6	133.7	-5.0	
Natural Resources	103.5	109.3	-1.2	
Special Situations	289.8	305.9	-4.7	
North America Fund	208.8	220.4	-3.5	
Far East Fund	374.2	395.0	-10.7	
Managed Fund	344.8	364.0	-4.3	
Deposit Fund	154.8	163.0		
Prime Residential	164.9	173.6		
Property Fund	235.6	248.0	-2.8	
Managed Currency	118.1	124.7	+0.1	
Global Health Care	130.2	137.5	-2.6	
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 01-686 4355				
Security Fund	334.4	352.0	-9.2	
British Fund	311.5	327.9	-10.0	
International Fund	307.4	323.6	-6.8	
Dollar Fund	205.4	216.3	-3.2	
Capital Fund	306.4	322.6	-8.4	
Income Fund	430.6	453.3	-8.4	
Property Series 'A'	380.3	400.4	+6.5	
Property Units	654.1	688.9		
Financial Fund	301.4	317.3	-8.4	
Managed Series 'A'	364.7	383.9	-5.2	
Do 'C'	243.2	256.0	-3.7	
Managed Units	642.5	676.4	-9.0	
High Yield Fund	403.8	425.1	-6.2	
Money Series 'A'	196.5	206.9	+0.3	
Money Units	254.4	267.8	+0.4	
Equity Fund	403.7	425.0	-9.2	
Fixed Interest Fund	231.6	243.8	-0.9	
Indexed Secs Fund	126.9	133.6	+0.2	
European Fund	416.1	438.0	-2.3	
Natural Res Fund	196.7	207.1	-1.8	
Far East Fund	428.7	451.3	-7.5	
Smaller Co's Fund	444.2	467.6	-0.7	
Special Sits Fund	344.3	362.5	-6.2	
Man Currency Fund	183.1	192.8	+0.5	
Japanese Tech	198.7	209.2	-5.0	
US Smaller Co's	92.9	97.8	-2.7	
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY 01-638 1731				
Global Managed 3	348.8	367.2	-4.5	
Global Property 3	198.2	208.6		
Global Fixed Int 3	325.2	342.3	-1.6	
Global Equity 3	391.4	412.0	-5.9	
Global Cash 3	145.1	152.7	-0.1	
LAS GROUP 10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH 031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	232.4	244.7	-2.8	
UK Equity	388.0	408.5	-3.0	
Property	273.8	288.3	+0.5	
Money Market	172.9	182.0	+0.3	
Fixed Interest	209.5	220.6	-0.1	
Japan	339.7	357.6	-0.6	
North America	105.4	111.0	-1.4	
International	189.2	199.4		
European	139.8	147.1	-2.0	
Far East	102.8	108.3	-2.6	
Special Sits	86.9	91.5	-1.0	
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Growth Fund	321.6	349.6	-8.2	
Managed Fd	274.6	289.1	-3.8	
Fixed Int Fd	262.3	276.1	-0.9	
Secure Cap Fd	198.6	209.0	+0.6	
Equity Fd	791.9	833.6	-19.8	
Property Fd	236.6	249.1		
Managed	349.6	368.1	-4.8	
Gtd Mgd	345.1	363.4	-1.2	
Property	422.4	444.7		
American	238.5	251.2	-5.8	
UK Equity Fd	452.4	476.3	-11.4	
High Yield	513.5	540.6	-9.6	
Gilt Edged	290.5	305.9	-0.9	
Money	274.8	289.4	+0.4	
International	275.5	290.1	-3.6	
Henderson Active	150.8	158.9	-2.2	
Perpetual Active	159.9	168.3	-2.7	
Growth Cap	309.9	326.3	-3.9	
Do Accum	417.7	439.8	-5.2	
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	111.7	117.6	+0.1	
Do Accum	128.2	135.0	-0.2	
Brit Opps Init	105.8	111.4	-2.3	
Do Accum	110.2	116.1	-2.0	
Cash Initial	136.9	144.2	+0.3	
Do Accum	197.8	208.3	+0.4	
Equity Initial	447.1	470.7	-11.7	
Do Accum	645.6	679.8	-17.0	
Fixed Initial	262.8	276.7	-0.5	
Do Accum	379.8	399.6	-0.8	
Index-Linked Gilt	107.3	113.2	+0.4	
Do Accum	132.5	139.5	+0.5	
Intl Initial	262.8	276.7	-3.9	
Do Accum	373.7	393.4	-5.6	
Managed Initial	339.1	357.0	-6.2	
Do Accum	489.8	515.6	-5.0	
Property Initial	204.5	215.3	+0.2	
Do Accum	295.4	311.0	+0.2	
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY 11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP 01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	247.3	256.6		
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	602.4		-11.0	
Fixed Interest	256.1		-1.0	
Property	307.5		+0.1	
Deposit	197.4		+0.4	
Mixed	390.9		-4.5	
Indexed Stock	143.5		-0.3	
International	178.3		-1.4	
Equity A	141.3		-2.6	
Fixed Int A	114.5		-0.5	
Property A	136.4		+0.1	
Deposit A	117.0		+0.2	
Mixed A	129.6		-1.5	
Index Stock A	113.3		-0.2	
International A	112.3		-1.0	
Equity P	487.1		-11.5	
Fixed Int P	307.8		-1.1	
Property P	254.2		+0.3	
Deposit P	203.7		+0.4	
Mixed P	336.6		-5.1	
Index Stock P	160.9		-0.6	
International P	196.5		-1.5	
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	453.4		-10.3	
Do Accum	594.0		-13.0	
Property Cap	169.7		+0.1	
Do Accum	217.8		+0.2	
Fixed Interest Cap	165.9		-0.4	
Do Accum	212.0		-0.4	
Equity Cap	234.3		-4.2	
Do Accum	301.7		-5.2	
International Cap	178.1		-2.9	
Do Accum	227.9		-3.5	
Gtd Deposit Cap	151.7		+0.1	
Do Accum	192.9		+0.2	
Flexible Cap	270.1		-4.2	
Do Accum	347.4		-5.1	
Moneymaker Fund	288.5		-3.8	
Capital Growth Fund	922.8		-15.6	
M & G Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ 01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	219.2	230.3	-7.7	
Amer Rec Bond	261.8	274.9	-8.0	
Amer Smlr Co Bond	94.4	99.2	-3.3	
Australasia Bond	142.9	150.1	-2.7	
Commodity Bond	181.8	191.0	-4.4	
Deposit Bond Acc	246.5	259.0	+0.4	
Equity Bond Accum	904.0	949.3	-8.7	
European Bond Acc	198.9	208.9	-1.6	
Extra Yld Bd Accum	467.7	491.2	-4.7	
Far East Bd Accum	154.7	162.7	-2.9	
Gilt Bond Accum	277.6	281.6	-0.5	
Gold Bond Accum	99.2	104.3	+1.5	
High Yield Bond	291.8	306.4●	-2.7	6.13
Index-Linked Gt Bd	145.5	152.8	+0.4	
International Bond	453.0	475.8	-4.0	
Japan Bond Acc	287.2	301.7	-2.4	
Japan Smlr Co Acc	205.0	215.3	-2.4	
Managed Bonds	549.4	577.0	-4.6	
Prop Bond Accum	357.6	375.6	+0.3	
Rec Bond Accum	471.4	495.1	-6.3	
MGM ASSURANCE MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY 0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	220.6	232.2	-3.2	
Do Accum	262.5	276.4	-3.7	
Special Sits Fund	208.0	219.0	-2.4	
Do Accum	247.9	261.0	-2.8	
North American Fd	131.7	138.7	-3.7	
Do Accum	156.7	165.0	-4.4	
Pacific Basin Fund	267.8	303.0	-3.3	
Do Accum	342.6	360.7	-3.8	
Fixed Interest Fund	218.0	229.5	-0.8	
Do Accum	259.7	273.4	-0.8	
Property Fund	166.0	174.8	+1.0	
Do Accum	197.6	208.1	+1.3	
Deposit Fund	117.3	123.5	+0.1	
Do Accum	139.8	147.2	+0.2	
Managed Fund	210.2	221.3	-2.2	
Do Accum	249.2	262.4	-2.7	
MANUFACTURERS LIFE St Georges Way, Stevenage 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	482.4	507.8	+7.1	
Property Fund	458.8	482.9	+42.8	
Equity Fund	585.1	615.9	-0.1	
Gilt Edged Fund	389.4	409.9		
Deposit Fund	226.0	237.9	+0.7	
Investment Fund	248.6	261.0		
International Fund	380.9	400.9	+2.1	
MERCHANT INVESTORS Leon House, 233 High St Croydon 01-686 9171				
Property	456.2		-0.1	
Equity Bond	197.4		-4.7	
Money Market Bond	323.5		-0.7	
Deposit Fund	261.1		+0.2	
Managed Fund	318.1		-3.9	
Intl Equity	332.8		-5.1	
Intl Managed	317.7		-4.6	
North American	119.5		-2.7	
Far East	283.0		-4.6	
Intl Currency	178.4		-0.6	
NM SCHRODER LIFE Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	92.3	97.1	-1.7	
Fixed Interest	349.8	368.2	-1.1	
Managed	456.9	480.9	-8.0	
Deposit	236.4	248.8	+0.3	
Overseas	251.2	264.4	-3.4	
Property	377.0	396.8	-0.6	
American	239.9	252.5	-4.9	
Australian	273.0	287.3	-2.3	
European	305.3	321.3	-2.6	
Gilt & Fixed Int	186.3	196.1	-1.4	
Global Managed	103.5	108.9	-0.9	
Income Accum	508.1	534.8	-8.2	
Do Dist	405.2	426.6	-6.4	
International	263.0	276.8	-3.7	
Japan Smaller	293.5	308.9	-2.8	
Singapore & Mal	155.7	163.8	+1.8	
Smaller Companies	421.5	443.8	-1.9	
Tokyo Fund	480.0	505.2	-5.7	
UK Equity	413.5	435.2	-9.0	
CCM Vang'd Mgd	440.0	463.1	-8.9	
Equity Pension Cap	658.8	693.2	-13.8	
Overseas Pension	283.6	298.5	-4.7	
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH 01-623 4200				
Managed	318.9	335.7	-4.8	
UK Equity	414.6	436.5	-8.9	
Overseas Equity	289.8	305.1	-5.4	
Americas	223.5	235.3	-8.0	
Far East	351.5	370.0	-5.3	
Property	205.8	216.7	-0.4	
Fixed Interest	223.8	235.6	-0.8	
Indexed Gilt	135.0	142.2	+0.2	
Deposit	147.5	155.4	+0.2	
NORWICH UNION PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	824.8	868.3	-15.0	
Equity Fund	£16.81	17.69	-0.40	
Property Fund (3)	460.5	484.8	+0.2	
Fixed Int Fund (3)	398.2	419.2	-1.1	
Deposit Fund (3)	230.7	242.9	+0.3	
Intl Fund (30)	137.5	144.8	-2.7	
Unit-Linked Pns	906.2			
PEARL ASSURANCE 252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB 01 831-1657				
Inv Prop Dist	179.8	189.3	+1.5	
Do Accum	299.2	315.0	+2.1	
Inv Equity	730.2	768.7	-39.0	
Inv Managed	503.4	531.0	-8.9	
Ret Managed	508.7	535.5	-10.0	
PHOENIX ASSURANCE 4-5, King William St, EC4N 7ER 01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	422.5	444.8	-5.4	
Ebor Phoenix Equity	388.7	413.0	+7.9	
PROPERTY GROWTH Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU 01-680 0606				
Property Fund	431.5		+0.4	
Property Fund (A)	411.3		+0.3	
Agricultural Fund	658.1		+8.5	
Agric Fund (A)	644.1		+8.2	
Abbey Nat Fund	318.1		+0.4	
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	241.7		+0.5	
Investment Fund	228.2		-3.2	
Investment Fund (A)	220.9		-3.1	
Equity Fund	838.7		-15.2	
Equity (A)	808.4		-14.7	
Money Fund	314.2		+0.3	
Money Fund (A)	304.1		+0.7	
Actuarial Fund	382.0		-5.2	
Gilt-Edged Fund	289.4		-1.3	
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	289.4		-1.3	
Retire Annuity	848.6			
Immed Annuity	332.0			
International Fund	420.4		-6.0	
Bldg Soc Life Fund	156.6		+0.3	
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL 30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG 01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	200.6	211.7	-4.5	
Fixed Interest Acc	144.2	152.2	-0.5	
International Accum	152.7	161.1	-1.5	
Managed Accum	155.0	163.5	-1.7	
Property Accum	231.3	244.0	-0.4	
Money Accum	105.0	110.8	+0.1	
Special Mkt Accum	128.8	135.9	-0.8	
Japan Growth Acc	136.2	143.7	-2.4	
N Amer Accum	94.5	99.7	-2.5	
Pacific Accum	87.6	92.5	-0.6	
Technology Accum	109.9	116.0	-0.8	
Natural Res Accum	64.5	68.1	-1.0	
European Accum	86.0	90.8	-1.2	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL 25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA 01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	312.5	328.9	-8.8	
Managed Initial	253.3	266.6	-3.2	
Equity Ord	441.8	456.1	-14.7	
Equity Init	358.1	376.9	-8.1	
Index-Lnkd Gilt Ord	138.8	146.1	+0.1	
Index Linked Gilt Init	117.5	123.7		
Oseas Equity Ord	269.8	284.0	-5.0	
Oseas Equity Initial	218.6	230.1	-4.1	
Property Ord	194.5	204.7	+0.1	
Property Initial	157.6	165.9		
Fixed Int Ord	179.0	188.4	-0.9	
Fixed Int Initial	145.1	152.7	-0.7	
Deposit Ord	141.2	148.6	+0.2	
Deposit Initial	114.4	120.4	+0.1	
PROVINCIAL LIFE Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria 0539 23415				
Managed Fund	560.0	590.2	-15.3	
Cash Fund	228.9	241.3	+1.3	
Property Fund	280.9	298.9	+0.2	
Equity Fund	613.2	652.4	-23.3	
Fxd Interest Fund	297.2	313.2	+1.3	
International	263.3	280.7	-21.9	
High Income	460.7	490.2	-21.0	
Far East	404.2	430.1	-8.9	
North American	228.4	243.0	-7.6	
Special Sits	573.4	610.0	-21.8	
Technology	215.7	229.5	-11.9	
Extra Income Fund	275.1	292.7	-9.5	
Gilt Fund 20	300.3	319.5	-0.8	
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH 01-405 9222				
Managed	230.2	239.8	-3.0	
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN LIFE LTD 30 Old Burlington Street London W1X 1LB 01-439 3134				
Managed Fund	487.6	513.3	-6.3	
Equity Fund	957.3	1049.8	-14.3	
Intl Fund	328.1	345.4	-8.5	
Fixed Interest Fund	371.9	391.5	-0.1	
Property Fund	362.7	381.8	+0.6	
Cash Fund	248.9	262.1	+0.2	
Pacific Basin Fd	189.2	199.2	-3.3	
N American Fd	130.9	137.8	-3.7	
Euro Fund	139.3	146.7	-2.8	
Balanced Fund	111.0	116.9	-1.4	
Strategic Fund	110.0	115.8	-1.1	
REGENCY LIFE ASS CO 65-67 High Holborn London WC1V 6DU 01-831 7481				
Series 2 Man Fund	301.9	317.7	-4.5	
Series 2 Equity Fund	367.0	386.3	-11.2	
Series 2 Prop Fund	412.7	434.4	-0.7	
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	241.9	254.6	-2.8	
Series 2 Money Fd	173.8	182.7	+0.1	
Series 2 O'seas Fd	239.1	251.6	-4.3	
Tulip Invest Fund	294.8	310.3	+1.9	
Tulip Mangd Fund	374.4	394.1	-7.8	
Mngd Inv Fd Int	260.1	273.7	-5.6	
Do Accum	306.9	322.3	-6.5	
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD 20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX 01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	471.81			
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	471.8	495.6		
Op 8 Prop	416.4	438.4		
Op 8 Equity	797.1	828.6	-9.1	
Op 8 High Yield	352.3	370.9	-1.1	
Op 8 Managed	589.6	620.7	-6.6	
Op 8 Deposit	269.9	284.2	+0.5	9.14
Op 8 US Dollar	91.8	95.9		8.76
Amer Smaller	108.0	113.7	-1.3	
Commodity	78.2	82.4	+0.3	
Extra Inc	155.0	163.2	-1.0	
Far East	171.1	180.2	-3.2	
Fnl Secs	167.8	176.7	-0.8	
Gold Gen	39.7	41.8	-0.2	
Inc Gth	244.8	257.7	-1.2	
Intl Fund	152.5	160.6	-2.6	
Japan Perf	285.8	300.9	-6.0	
Japan Smr	192.7	202.9	-2.2	
Nat High	238.2	250.8	-2.8	
Prop Shs	200.5	211.1	-1.4	
Intl Recovery	217.6	229.1	-3.4	
Smaller Cos	304.9	321.0	+6.6	
Univ Energy	62.4	65.7	-1.0	
World Tech	113.0	119.0	-2.8	
Managed Gth	184.6	194.4	-2.5	
Gilt	85.1	89.6	-0.4	
Hong Kong	83.9	88.4	-1.3	
Aust Gilt	61.5	64.8	-0.5	
Amer (35,34)	130.4	137.3	-3.4	
Australian	57.2	60.3		
British	205.8	216.5	-3.8	
Commodity	137.8	145.2	-1.2	
Extra Inc	201.2	211.8	-2.1	
Far Eastern	258.8	272.3	-4.5	
Intl Fixed Int	89.3	94.0	-0.4	
Global (35,34)	291.1	306.8	-6.2	
Gold Shares	56.3	59.3	+1.0	
High Income	270.1	284.4	-3.5	
Income	350.0	368.5	-4.7	
Japan	301.0	316.9	-6.4	
Special Sits	245.8	258.8	-1.4	
UK Smlr Co's	317.8	334.4	-2.7	
Man Growth	309.1	325.4	-5.0	
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	603.6	638.8	-7.9	
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	247.0	259.9	-3.3	
Equity Fund	315.6	332.2	-5.3	
Property Fund	205.5	216.3	-7.2	
International Fund	302.7	318.6	-4.2	
Pacific Basin Fund	206.0	216.8	-2.6	
United States Fund	131.1	137.9	-3.2	
Gilt Fund	209.2	220.2	-0.5	
SAVE & PROSPER 1, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2QY 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	506.3	535.8	-8.8	
Deposit Fund (2)	254.6	269.5	+0.5	
Gilt Fund	330.2	349.5	-1.2	
Global Equity Fund	151.2	160.0	-2.1	
Property Fund (48)	83.5	88.4		
AG Bond Fund	104.2	110.3	-1.8	
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 2323				
Equity	420.6	442.8	+1.0	
Fixed Interest	225.1	237.0	-0.6	
International	253.2	266.6	-3.2	
Property	219.8	231.4	+1.4	
Cash	157.8	166.2	+0.2	
Managed	315.3	331.9		
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	119.8	126.1	+0.21	
Index-Linked	108.0	113.7	+0.3	
Fixed Interest	125.7	132.4	+0.6	
Mixed	158.1	166.5	-1.3	
UK Equity	150.9	158.8	-0.7	
International	166.8	175.6	-2.3	
American	128.3	135.1	-0.6	
Japan	230.1	242.3	-3.8	
European	155.1	163.3	-2.6	
Pacific	209.5	220.6	-2.9	
Technology	147.5	155.3	-2.4	
Foreign Bd/Currency	143.5	151.1	+0.4	
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031-225 2211				
Property	168.1	177.1	+0.1	
UK Equity	221.2	233.0●	+0.6	
American	143.9	151.6●	-3.4	
Pacific	215.7	227.1●	+0.2	
European	239.7	252.5	-0.1	
International	179.7	189.3	-0.9	
Fixed Interest	145.1	152.8	+0.2	
Index Linked	140.0	147.5	+0.8	
Deposit	129.6	136.6	+0.2	
Managed	177.7	187.1	-0.1	
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£11.54	11.90		
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS 109, St Vincent St, Glasgow 041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	149.0	156.9	-0.2	
Growth Fund	162.6	171.2	+0.4	
Opportunity Fund	162.7	171.3	+0.1	
Cash Fund	119.2	125.5	+0.2	
European Fund	191.4	201.5	+1.5	
Gilts & Fxd Int Fund	124.4	131.0	+0.2	
Index-Linked Fund	122.8	129.3	-1.3	
International Fund	169.3	178.3	+0.4	
North American Fd	123.8	130.4		
Property Fund	125.1	131.7	+0.1	
UK Equity	177.7	187.1		
UK Smaller	220.4	232.1	+1.0	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031-556 9181				
Mixed	175.9	184.8	-2.9	
Equity	186.8	196.7	-5.1	
International	177.0	186.4	-3.9	
Property	212.2	223.4	+0.1	
Fixed Interest	135.8	143.0	-0.6	
Index Linked	123.1	129.7	+0.8	
Cash	130.5	137.5	+0.2	
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	563.9		-9.5	
Inv Pol 2	537.0	565.3	-9.1	
Inv Pol 3	520.4	547.9	-8.8	
Inv Cash	209.2	220.3	+0.3	
Mixed Fund	302.6	318.7	-5.5	
Equity Fund	368.0	387.5	-7.3	
Property Fund	218.7	230.3	+0.2	
International Fund	273.9	288.4	-5.0	
Fixed Interest Fund	221.1	232.8	-0.8	
Indexed Stock Fund	136.7	144.0	+0.5	
Cash Fund	152.9	161.1	+0.2	
SKANDIA LIFE Frobisher Hse, Nelsons Gate, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Accum	253.7	267.0	-4.3	
Equity Accum	307.6	323.7	-6.1	
International Accum	236.1	248.5	-4.4	
Property	193.5	203.6	+0.2	
Royal Trust Mngd	162.9	171.1	-3.7	
Britannia Mngd	131.3	138.2	-1.4	
Framlington Mngd	157.1	165.3	-2.3	
Gartmore Mngd	163.5	172.1	-1.9	
Henderson Mngd	162.6	171.1	-3.0	
TSB Managed	143.2	150.7	-3.6	
North European	202.3	212.9	-1.4	
Pacific	188.0	197.8	-4.6	
Intl Recovery	165.3	174.0	-1.7	
Gilt Plus Accum	201.1	211.6	-0.1	
North American	120.4	126.7	-1.7	
Deposit	182.1	191.6	+0.3	
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Cash	183.4	193.1	+0.2	
Equity	590.5	621.9	-3.2	
European	89.9	94.7	-1.1	
Far East	123.2	129.7	-2.3	
Fixed Interest	254.4	267.8	-1.1	
Index Linked	141.2	148.7		
International	376.9	396.8	-8.3	
Managed	424.4	446.8	-3.6	
Nth American	79.6	83.8	-2.5	
Property	284.7	299.7	+0.8	
Pension Funds				
Cash	251.0	264.3	+0.5	
Equity	798.1	840.2	-3.5	
European	89.9	94.7	-1.1	
Far East	123.2	129.7	-2.3	
Fixed Interest	305.4	321.5	-1.5	
Index Linked	183.5	193.2	+0.1	
International	520.6	548.1	-9.2	
Managed	562.1	591.7	-3.6	
Nth American	79.6	83.8	-2.5	
Property	350.1	368.6	+0.8	
Stock Exchange	125.0	131.6	-0.9	
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Managed Fund	431.4	454.2	-5.4	
Equity Fund	578.6	609.1	-9.7	
Fixed Interest Fund	293.2	308.7	-1.3	
Index Linked Fund	211.1	222.3	-0.1	
Property Fund	388.0	408.5	+0.3	
International Fund	382.2	402.4	-5.1	
N American Fund	113.1	119.1	-4.5	
Far East Fund	205.3	216.2	-4.0	
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International Bond	£49.86		+1.99	
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Managed Account	534.3		+0.7	
Equity Account	746.3		+1.2	
Mngd Fund Accum	252.5	265.8	+0.3	
Equity Fund Accum	335.5	353.2	+0.5	
Prop Fund Accum	224.9	236.8	+0.2	
Fixed Int Fd Acc	189.6	199.6	-0.2	
Intl Fund Accum	294.8	310.3	+1.9	
Money Fund Accum	150.5	158.5	+0.2	
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	145.1	152.8	-0.5	
Pers Pens Account	£10.756		-0.19	
Pens Mngd Account	500.5	526.9	-9.3	
Pens Guarantee	142.3	149.8	+0.2	
Pens Equity	195.2	205.4	-6.1	
Pens Property	185.8	195.5	+0.1	
Pens Fixed Int	154.2	162.3	-0.2	
Pens Intl	134.5	141.6	-1.5	
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Equity Accum	786.7	828.2	-0.9	
Fixed Int Accum	245.6	258.6	-0.3	
Index-Linked Accum	131.7	138.7	+0.7	
Cash Accum	209.3	220.4	+0.4	
Amer Equity Accum	203.1	213.8	-6.3	
US Bonds Accum	118.5	124.8	+0.1	
Japan Accum	296.3	311.9	-9.9	
Pacific Accum	163.1	171.7	-1.8	
Far Eastern Accum	499.2	525.5	-7.6	
International Accum	340.1	358.1	-8.4	
US Dollar Accum	90.9	95.7		
Yen Accum	130.2	137.1	-0.4	
Euro Cur Accum	113.2	119.2	+0.1	
Distribution Fund	231.0	243.2	-1.9	7.01
European	104.5	110.1	-2.1	
TSB LIFE LTD Keens House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG 0264 56789				
Managed Fund	180.4	190.0	-2.8	
Property Fund	152.2	160.3	+1.1	
Fixed Interest Fund	149.2	157.1	+0.1	
Money Fund	136.4	143.7	+0.4	
Equity Fund	233.9	246.4	-5.1	
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Residential Prop	91.2	96.0		
Financial	218.6	229.0		
Fixed Interest	217.3	228.8	+7.4	
Gold	74.3	78.3		
Income	287.7	302.9	+1.8	
International Equity	260.4	274.2	-3.9	
Japan	369.3	388.8	-6.9	
Convertible	110.2	116.0	+0.8	
Managed	421.1	443.3	-2.9	
International Bond	85.0	89.5●	+0.2	
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5		
Pacific	187.5	197.4	-3.3	
Preference	201.3	211.9		
Property	333.0	350.9	-1.1	
Special Situations	217.3	228.8	-0.4	
Sterling	8.8			
UK Equity	825.0	868.6	-0.2	
World Income	163.3	171.9	+0.1	
Euro Situations	151.2	159.2	+1.9	
TYNDALL ASSURANCE 401, St John Street, 8 London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	407.1		-2.9	
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N American Equity	173.7	182.8	-5.1	
Far East Equity	324.0	341.0	-5.8	
Fixed	186.7	196.5	-0.4	
Cash Deposit	141.5	149.0	+0.2	
Property	135.3	142.4	+2.5	
Special Opp	378.0	397.9	-0.5	
Managed	238.6	251.2	-3.4	
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FAMILY MONEY

S&P is forced to reheat its bed and breakfasts

Maria Scott with a timely warning for investors hoping to take advantage of end of the tax year overnight transactions

CHRIS MORTON



Save & Prosper, the unit trust group, has had to hastily rework a special offer it was making to investors for bed and breakfast transactions, because it appeared to infringe Inland Revenue rules on this type of deal.

Bed and breakfasting is the term used to describe share or unit trust transactions set up specifically to produce a gain or loss which can be used either to take advantage of an unused capital gains tax allowance — £5,000 in 1988/89 and 1989/90 — or to reduce a capital gains tax liability.

At the same time, a new base line is created for assessing future gains.

The Inland Revenue requires that such transactions are real transactions, not artificial ones effected only in theory. The sale and repurchase must be made on different days.

"An inspector would want to know that this was an ordinary transaction, at normal open market prices and that the shares were genuinely relinquished and were exposed to market movements overnight," said a spokesman for the Revenue.

"There should not be any actual or implied agreement for the client to buy the shares back," he added.

Save & Prosper had announced that under its special terms for bed & breakfast deals, investors could repurchase their units the morning after selling them, at the previous day's offer price.

"Save & Prosper believes that this arrangement creates a simple and cost-effective way for investors to realize capital gains or losses without incurring any investment risk on the transaction," said the company in its announcement.

Mr Ken Emery, the marketing and development manager at Save & Prosper, said this week that after sending out the information, the company reconsidered the offer to provide a service which eliminated risk.

Save & Prosper thenrealized that this was something that the Inland Revenue might take issue with and decided to change the terms so that investors would be buying back their units at the prevailing day's offer price.

In many cases, said Mr Emery, there would be no change from the previous day's price but the Inland Revenue would want to see that there had been a real risk.

About 20 deals had been done under the terms originally set out by Save & Prosper, and the company would be writing to these investors offering them the chance to re-run their deals with no transaction charges.

Save & Proper's slip-up is a timely reminder to anyone contemplating a bed and breakfast deal before the end of the tax year on April 5, that this is a concession not to be taken lightly and that in order to crystalize a gain, you must expose yourself to some risk.

Indeed the Stock Exchange has recently written to member firms reminding them that all bed and breakfast deals ought to be genuine transactions.

A spokesman for the Exchange explained: "There should be no sleight of hand involved."

Neither the Stock Exchange spokesman nor the Inland Revenue spokesman believed that discounts on bed and breakfast deals — which are commonplace among stockbrokers and some unit trust companies — were necessarily risky.

What mattered was the nature of the deal and whether there had been a genuine sale and repurchase.

Mr George Bull, a director of the tax consultancy department at Neville Russell, the accountant, reinforced the warning from the Inland Rvenue:

"You must make a real transaction. So inevitably, there is a risk involved. If there is a move between the sale price and the purchase price, inevitably you are exposed to that."

"From time to time the Inland Revenue will pick a situation where someone has done a bed and breakfast deal and it will look into it to check the circumstances."

Mr John Hodgson, the senior manager in the tax department at Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, added:

"As long as it is a real transaction it will be difficult for the Inland Revenue to argue with it.

"At some point or another the client should lose ownership of the shares. Simply selling to a nominee who intends to hold the shares overnight, is not sufficient."

One stockbroker said he believed there were a number of potentially risky areas in setting up bed and breakfast deals.

For example, there might be circumstances where a market-maker might not take on a tranche of shares unless he was told that they were being repurchased the next morning.

This might be the case where there was a large block of shares in a lightly traded stock.

There must be some doubt about whether the Inland Revenue would accept such an arrangement, said this broker.

Mr Bull said: "Anything which detracts from the notion of full overnight risk is undesirable.

"The ultra cautious view is that you should probably use a different broker to buy and sell, especially if you are dealing in a regularly traded stock."

Clowes payout 'in the summer'

Investors in the UK arm of Barlow Clowes can look forward to further refunds in the summer, says Mr Michael Jordon, joint liquidator for Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the UK business, and the Gibraltar-based Barlow Clowes International.

A four-day hearing is set to start on May 2 in the High Court in London to examine claims over funds held by the two arms of Mr Peter Clowes' collapsed empire. Each of the two branches has claims against funds held by the other, and the extent of the claims will affect the amount of money available.

Mr Jordon said the court would also be looking at the rights of investors within the various funds operated by BCGM, and whether some investors should receive more money than others.

Provided these issues were resolved he expected a payment to be made towards the end of May. However, it was not yet possible to say how much investors would receive.

Mr Antony Gold of Alexander Tatham, solicitors acting for Clowes investors, said he was also confident of second payments to BCGM investors. A thousand investors, whose money was channelled through Lloyds Bank, got three-quarters of their money back before Christmas. Between 5,000 and 6,000 investors, whose money went through Midland Bank, received a quarter of their money at the end of January.

These were interim payments.

Slightly more than 1,000 of the 11,000 BCI investors put money into the operation in its last months and they may have a right to a full refund. The Court will be asked to decide on this on May 22.

Miss Elizabeth Gloster, representing BCI and its receivers, told the High Court in London this week that BCI investors could look forward to some sort of limited interim payout in the summer.

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A loan in the Strand

By Vivien Goldsmith

The pub with no beer may be a myth, but the bank with no cash has really arrived.

Barclays has opened a Financial Services Centre in the Strand, London, where customers can deal in shares, buy unit trusts, negotiate a loan, obtain advice about insurance or tax — but cannot cash a cheque.

"We have kept cash away from this particular outlet," says manager Mr Adrian Bunting, who also manages an adjacent branch, where cash can be found. On different days callers will find taxation and investment experts on hand from 8.30am to 6pm.

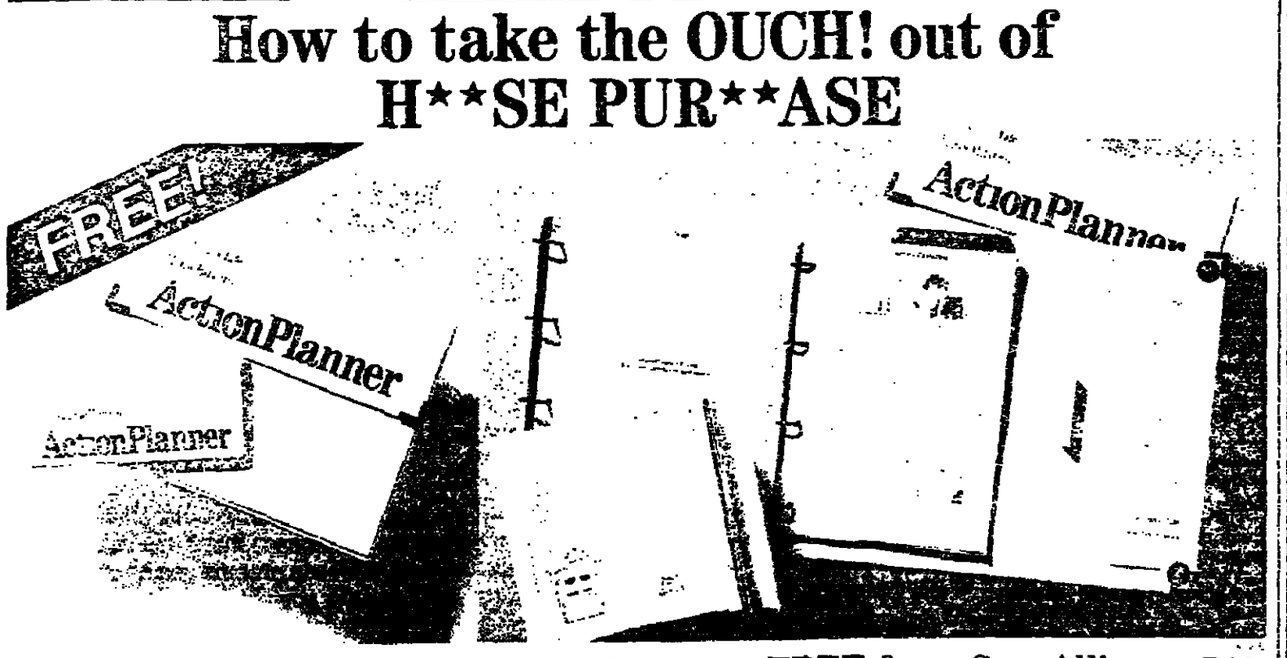
And the new thinking about banking does not end with the services offered. The design of the branch itself breaks away from conventional marbled-hall bank gravitas with a vengence.

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FAMILY MONEY

Hugh Thompson tells a cautionary tale of a search that failed to reveal a proposed dual carriageway

In the house of the rising fear

TIM BISHOP



In every dream home a heartache: unhappy Sarah Jones outside her flat in Putney, London

Last summer Sarah Jones and her friend Jill Logan were in a hurry. Unfortunately, their speed may have cost them a considerable amount. They wanted to buy a London flat before the August 1 deadline on more than one person receiving tax relief on a single property's mortgage payments.

"With the tax relief for both of us, we worked out it was as cheap to buy in the suburbs as to rent in Fulham, where we were," Miss Jones says. "We looked at a place in Fulham, but didn't go for it as we heard that there was going to be a new road going through nearby."

The flat they did buy, for £90,000, was in Putney, across the Thames. "We saw it at the beginning of June, put in an offer and it was accepted immediately," Miss Jones continues.

"One of the things that impressed us was that Richard Barclay was the sole agent. They were very efficient, and we couldn't believe how fast everything went. We exchanged contracts on June 24 and completed on July 31, chuffed that we had beaten the August 1 deadline."

However, other events were moving in a way which was going to cloud that joy. In May a national newspaper reported that the Department of Transport was about to release a number of proposals for improving the South Circular road. These included a dual carriageway through the heart of Putney, and were duly published on June 29.

This was also the time that Miss Jones's soliciter was doing his search at Wandsworth Town Hall.

No sign of these proposals came through on the search. For, as Wandsworth Town Hall states: "These are not firm proposals, but a series of assessment studies. The 30-odd published have yet to be whittled down to the half-dozen which will go forward to the next stage. We are in a cleft stick. A search only turns up definite planning proposals, *not options* being considered.

"If we include such information then we can be accused of blighting areas unnecessarily.

"If we don't, we are accused of hiding information. In fact, because of the weight of feeling, we have started including a note about these proposals and how they affect Putney."

Which is a bit late for Miss Jones. "The plans show the new motorway being at the end of our road," she says. "I don't think we are going to sell it at any price."

But surely the estate agent, whose job it is to have his ear to the ground, must have known? And does he now tell prospective buyers about the proposals?

Mr Ricky Hutchinson, associate partner of Richard Barclay in Putney, says: "We didn't know at the time, and even now no one is really clear about what these proposals mean. They are always talking about motorway proposals in London and nothing ever happens. But of course we discuss it with buyers, and we give them our view that the road just won't happen.

"It's true that as an agent you do get a bit blasé about these kinds of plans: you have seen them all before. We are still selling houses all along the proposed route. I think that Miss Jones could sell her flat at a profit today.

"However, it must be said that we act for the seller, and it's not our business to jeopardize a sale."

Danger on the Spanish shore

Diana Wildman on a move which may result in Britons' holiday homes being eventually demolished — by law

Conflict has arisen over the interpretation of Spain's latest *Ley de Costas* — Law of Coastal Areas — which came into effect in July 1988.

According to Mr Edward MacMillan-Scott, the Conservative Member of the European Parliament for York, literal interpretation of the law means that wholesale demolition of properties situated within a 100 metre (110 yard) zone back from the shoreline could occur in 30 years — the limit the Government has set — and indeed some properties, particularly along the Costa Blanca and on Tenerife, have already been earmarked.

The Spanish government has been quick to deny this and indeed, in an official statement, confirmed that any building which had obtained proper planning permission, and which is properly registered with the local notary, is absolutely safe.

The problem is with the illegally constructed edifices which litter much of the Spanish shoreline and in which many homeowners — Spanish, British, and other nationalities — do not hold an *escritura* (title deed). Here the *Ley de Costas* 1988 can be implemented, but this will take time before any wholesale demolition can take place.

In the meantime, some homeowners are obviously concerned by the effect this will have on the prices of their properties — particularly those apartment blocks which have already been earmarked for possible demolition. Still, this cannot happen for 30 years — during which time new laws can be brought in and governments change.

Señor Julio Prado, a lawyer and member of the Madrid Bar Association, says: "Since the 1960s tourism and holiday home ownership have probably been two of Spain's largest sources of income, and have been the solution to the country's balance of payments.

"Last year, 54 million visitors spent £9.4 billion in Spain and it is obvious that the Spanish government would not take any action so detrimental to the Spanish economy. The government states quite definitely that all buildings will be left alone as long as they have the necessary building permission."

The affair highlights the real need for all purchasers to seek independent legal advice before a commitment to buy is made.

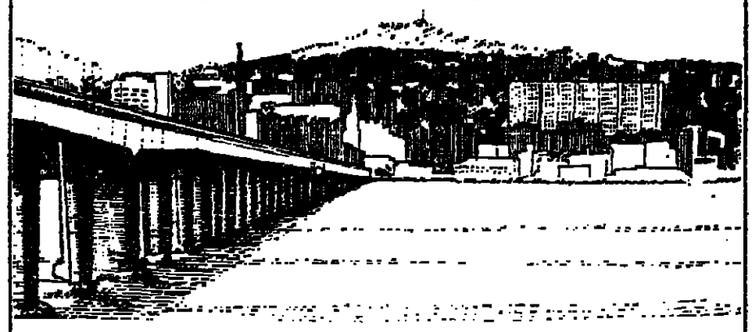
Many agents play down this necessity, in case it spoils a sale, but professional advice is absolutely essential in checking that all planning permissions have been granted, that the developer actually owns the land concerned, and that when the property is paid for it is completely mortgage-free.

Mr Charles Hutchinson of Hamptons, the estate agent, says his company insists that all its potential buyers consult a solicitor. He also says that the new law forbidding any construction at all within 100 metres zone is now in operation, although the Spanish government has given a special dispensation for marina schemes.

In this case, Mr Hutchinson says, the Spanish government retains ownership and grants a lease — usually for 30 years — so enabling an owner to obtain his *escritura*.

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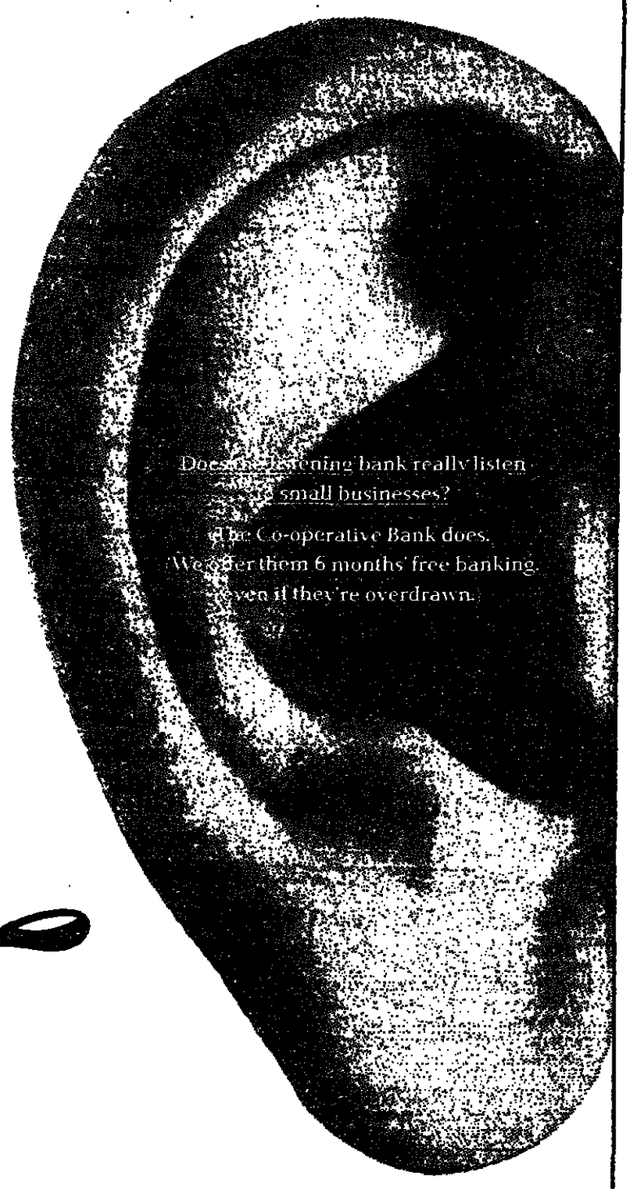
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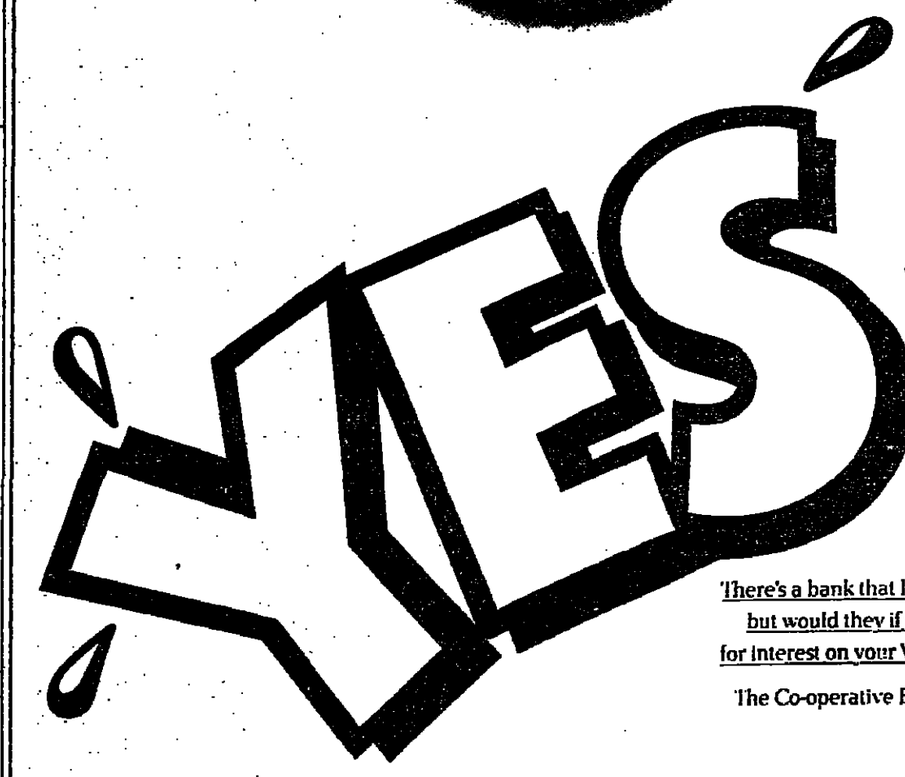
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Amer Growth	159.2	169.3	-6.4	1.71
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Capit Res	80.92	83.93●	+0.10	4.77
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Euro Capit	77.29	82.67c	-0.82	0.91
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Japan	103.3	109.8	-1.5	0.00
UK Gth Inc	138.1	148.9	-3.3	1.91
Do Acc	205.8	218.9	-5.0	1.28
US Emerg Cos	47.40	50.42	-2.25	0.00
Income/Gth	282.0	301.7	-13.9	3.40
Mastertst Acc	79.09	84.59	-1.66	1.90
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Australian	22.42	23.93	+0.02	1.15
Euro	53.57	57.29●	-0.36	0.00
Extra Inc	41.94	44.52●	-1.37	4.48
Income	117.6	125.5e	-1.7	1.53
Do Acc	179.2	191.3c	-2.8	1.99
Gilt/Fxd Interest	21.85	23.33●	-0.08	10.03
Global Inc	38.58	41.18	-1.05	4.42
Int Growth	70.91	75.70	-1.53	3.76
Jap & Genrl	171.7	183.3	-3.7	0.01
N Am Inc	26.42	28.24	-0.61	4.44
Exec Sits	70.59	75.36	-1.55	0.97
UK Growth	30.02	32.23	-0.97	2.57
World Gth	45.09	47.77	-1.20	0.47
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High Inc	322.9	343.8●	-2.3	4.78
Equity Inc	165.9	197.9	-1.4	4.44
High Yield	195.2	207.8	-0.3	4.44
Balanced	461.6	491.6	-3.0	2.94
Amer Inc	29.91	31.85●	-0.37	4.11
World Ass Val	20.33	32.30	-0.48	0.77
Japan	153.3	162.7	-1.9	0.01
Sec of Am	197.8	210.4	-3.3	0.87
Asset Value	366.2	383.9	-2.8	3.23
O'seas Earn	234.2	249.4	-2.9	2.84
Recov	109.7	116.8	-1.5	2.41
UK Spec Sits	282.8	301.1●	-3.0	2.83
Smlr Cos	181.4	193.1	-1.2	2.50
Capit	277.3	295.3●	-2.4	2.81
Am Spec Sit	68.20	72.68●	-1.01	1.76
Intl	96.34	102.6	-0.68	0.88
Growthline	168.0	178.9c	-0.4	3.37
Euro Gth	19.62	20.89	-0.11	1.44
Pacific	242.3	258.0	-3.1	0.32
2nd Smr Co	188.8	201.0●	+0.1	1.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	86.88	92.67●	-3.67	3.23
Euro Gth Inc	72.19	77.00	-0.92	0.75
Extra Inc	104.3	111.3	-2.7	4.71
General	186.7	199.1●	-6.2	3.13
Gt/Fxd Income	53.14	54.78●	-0.15	9.76
Inc Trust	451.0	481.7	-15.5	3.73
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer E/S	61.96	65.74c	-2.35	2.10
Australia	61.31	65.88	-1.15	0.00
Convertible	50.18	53.24	-0.80	0.50
East	92.81	101.0●	-1.32	1.10
Equity Inc	76.06	80.70	-1.04	6.40
Europe	135.2	144.5	-2.1	0.40
Exempt	62.53	63.80	-1.09	2.80
Growth/Inc	82.80	87.85●	-1.83	2.50
Do Acc	131.8	139.8●	-2.9	2.50
Global Gth	63.01	67.69	-1.70	0.00
Jap Spec	161.3	173.6	-5.3	0.00
Jap Sunrise	148.5	159.6●	-3.8	0.00
1st Europe	131.2	139.1	-1.7	1.60
1st Jap	103.2	117.5c	-2.9	0.43
1st N Am	46.92	50.27	-1.91	1.40
1st Smlr Cos	98.78	104.8	-0.49	1.80
N Am Spec	44.30	47.15	-1.82	1.10
UK Growth	64.17	68.08	-1.78	2.40
Select Van Fd	51.09	54.17c	-0.82	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 8-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 453144				
Financial	158.7	169.8●	-3.2	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	322.2	360.4c	-2.2	0.90
Do Inc	209.2	227.0c	-1.4	1.29
High Inc	83.18	89.00●	-2.20	5.70
Income	104.3	111.7c	-2.0	5.34
Man Port Inc	93.38	99.71	-3.39	2.84
Do Acc	154.8	165.6	-5.8	2.29
Intl Amer	49.85	53.34	-1.91	0.36
Orient	107.7	115.3	-1.0	0.28
Exempt	285.9	302.8	-10.0	2.78
Recov	69.08	73.92	-1.79	3.80
German	24.35	26.70	-0.13	1.60
Intl Recov	26.29	28.13	-0.43	0.90
Europe	164.5	175.3●	-0.21	3.80
Com Genrl	24.19	25.99●	-0.54	6.89
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Emer Gth Inc	67.97	72.19	-0.43	1.60
Do Acc	72.95	73.16	-0.48	1.60
Fellowship Inc	63.37	67.01●	-1.29	1.46
Genrl Inc 4	320.7	318.0	-13.8	2.34
Do Acc 4	500.1	528.9	-22.9	2.34
Inc Fund 3	160.4	170.2	-2.3	3.86
Do Acc 3	306.5	325.3	-4.1	3.86
Intl Inc 2	113.4	119.9●	-2.7	2.14
Do Acc 2	154.6	163.5●	-3.6	2.14
Smlr Inc 5	115.2	122.2	-0.3	0.97
Do Acc 5	125.9	133.6	-0.4	0.97
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Srt Gt Fxd Int	52.33	53.07●	+0.03	1.37
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	37.23	39.81●	-1.03	2.59
Income	47.02	50.29●	-0.95	4.14
Far East	34.23	36.42●	-0.54	0.17
Nth Amer	29.14	31.20●	-1.17	0.67
Global	48.00	51.04●	-1.28	0.67
European	45.54	48.61●	-1.26	1.56
Japan	95.0	101.8	-3.6	0.01
Strategic Opp	56.70	60.32	-0.81	1.24
Do Acc	50.37	54.22	-0.27	4.94
Intl Currency	43.35	45.99c	+0.02	6.00
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	64.65	68.79●	-1.23	2.21
Do Acc	66.83	71.10●	-1.27	2.21
European	48.07	51.14	-0.59	0.71
Do Acc	48.67	51.78	-0.60	0.71
F East/Gen	60.40	64.25	-1.14	0.00
Do Acc	60.40	64.25	-1.14	0.00
Gilt/Inc	254.1	270.3●	-0.5	1.18
Do Acc	264.9	281.8	-0.9	1.18
Growth	250.4	266.4●	-5.2	2.17
Do Acc	384.2	408.7	-8.0	2.17
High Yield	310.2	330.8	-8.7	3.80
Do Acc	345.8	367.9	-7.4	3.80
Master Portfl	£74.32	77.02	-1.38	2.59
Do Acc	£78.18	81.02	-1.47	2.59
Spec Sits	82.88	88.89	-1.12	2.27
Do Acc	65.12	70.34	-1.18	2.27
Trustee	183.2	194.9●	-6.7	3.67
Do Acc	309.7	329.5	-11.2	3.67
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0566 01-626 6363				
Capit	453.6	484.0c	-2.1	2.80
Euro S S	56.58	60.38	-0.10	2.30
Far East S S	56.80	60.61	-0.75	1.21
Gold Gen S S	61.85	66.00	-0.64	1.77
Income	390.0	416.2e	-2.8	4.93
Intl Sp Sits	53.95	57.57	-0.67	2.54
Amer Index	109.8	116.1e	-1.6	1.72
N Amer	257.4	274.6	-3.7	2.07
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Portf	54.38	58.17	-0.86	2.62
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	485.6	c	..	4.88
Fixed Int	142.55		..	10.93
Deposit	100.0		..	12.55
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	480.59	c	..	5.08
Acc	£14.9307		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	12.55
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Man Return	23.08	24.42●	..	..
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CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5, Trump Street EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-796 3571				
Euro Gth	58.29	62.33	-0.89	1.82
1992 Euro Spc	44.09	47.29	-0.71	1.71
Intl Inc	43.38	52.47	-0.92	3.67
NAm Gth	46.22	48.05	-1.08	3.92
Pacific Gth	59.63	63.70	-0.92	3.35
UK Gth Acc	76.51	81.20●	-2.15	2.32
Do Dist	71.39	77.25●	-2.02	2.32
Uk Income	53.80	64.09●	-1.59	5.98
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	20.62	21.34	-0.77	0.68
Atlas Gth	23.54	25.04	-0.65	0.31
Dragon Gth	28.42	30.74	-0.43	0.77
Equity Hi Inc	62.29	65.22●	-1.33	4.57
Do Acc	64.92	67.98	-1.41	4.57
Euro Growth	29.63	30.48	-0.45	0.71
Genrl Equity	52.25	55.14	-1.45	2.27
Intl Inc	23.14	24.62	-0.30	5.47
Jap Growth	50.75	53.99	-1.32	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.39	32.33	-0.91	2.27
Retrn Inc	23.74	25.25	-0.78	7.15
Do Acc	23.74	25.25	-0.75	7.15
Spec Sits	40.52	43.11	-0.75	1.83
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 6818				
UK/Gen Inc	60.71	64.59	-0.93	2.28
Do Acc	64.08	68.17	-0.99	2.28
Inc	61.28	65.17●	-0.81	3.23
Do Acc	65.97	70.18●	-0.87	3.23
W'wide Inc	48.44	51.81	-1.20	0.16
Do Acc	49.27	52.70	-1.23	0.16
Gamma Inc	39.45	41.97●	-0.49	0.95
Do Acc	40.12	42.68●	-0.49	0.95
Am Gth	54.51	57.99	-1.04	1.00
Euro Gth	59.34	63.13	-0.51	1.06
Far East	73.17	77.84	-1.62	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Inc	46.46	49.01●	+0.07	7.57
World Bond	46.60	49.31●	-0.14	5.54
Private Inv Pt	49.99	53.18	-0.28	4.94
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Progres Inv Pt	51.86	54.56	-0.36	3.90
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	112.8	121.2	-5.8	0.50
Canadian Gth	23.44	25.20	-0.46	0.56
Euro	107.3	115.4	-2.8	0.14
Gth Trust	298.7	321.2●	-10.5	2.74
High Inc	348.4	374.6●	-11.4	4.31
Intl Tech	114.6	123.2	-4.4	0.99
Investcare	31.9	34.3	-1.3	0.32
Japanese	257.5	276.9●	-8.1	0.00
Man Int	30.64	32.95	-1.50	2.12
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090528				
Amer	61.97	65.84	-2.00	1.52
Capit	147.5	156.7	-1.7	1.28
Convertible	25.55	27.15●	-0.49	7.09
Eurofund	24.97	26.48	-0.35	1.13
Growth/Inc	207.9	220.9●	-3.9	3.73
High Dist	168.0	178.5	-2.1	4.76
Intl	233.4	248.0	-4.6	0.91
Pacific	29.68	31.54	-0.31	0.85
Resrces	21.54	22.89●	-0.87	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	43.17	45.77	-0.80	0.00
Tokyo	208.7	221.2	-5.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	121.1	124.4	-3.1	1.73
Ex Jap 3	129.4	133.0	-4.4	0.15
Ex Pacific 4	415.1	426.5●	..	0.20
Ex Smlr Jap 4	261.3	268.5	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	87.59	93.18	-3.05	2.63
Do Acc	93.06	99.00	-3.20	2.46
UK Gth Accum	132.8	133.1	-4.4	1.93
UK High Inc	103.2	109.8	-2.7	2.99
N Amer Acc	64.32	69.06	-1.83	1.02
Far East Acc	132.8	141.3	-3.1	0.15
Euro Acc	86.1	91.6	-3.9	1.13
UK Gilt/FI Inc	56.51	59.43	-0.15	8.76
Do Acc	68.00	71.39	-0.18	7.29
Intl Sp S Acc	41.63	44.29●	-1.24	1.51
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Endurance	131.6	139.9	..	2.19
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Equitable Pelican	103.5	110.2c	-1.01	3.71
High Inc	109.3	116.3	-0.78	4.82
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.83	55.14	-0.04	7.69
T Of Inv Ts	104.0	110.6●	-1.37	1.90
Spec Sits	111.7	118.9	-0.91	2.82
N Am	62.51	66.50	-0.44	1.19
Far East	140.7	149.7	-3.14	0.40
Intl Gth	63.24	67.28●	-0.86	1.68
Euro	44.50	47.35	-0.50	1.84
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UK Gth Accum	199.5	212.3	-5.1	3.54
Do Inc	162.4	172.8	-4.2	3.54
Higher Inc Acc	373.0	396.8	-8.8	4.77
Do Inc	275.7	293.3	-6.4	4.77
Gilt/Fxd Acc	116.2	122.3●	-0.2	8.79
Do Inc	80.82	84.87●	-0.07	8.73
N America	114.7	122.1	-5.2	0.15
Far East	228.9	243.6	+1.7	0.00
Europe	168.8	177.5●	-2.9	0.00
Genrl	282.9	301.0●	-7.7	3.87
Br Excellence	44.89	47.56	-1.25	3.20
Br Fondes Inc	51.96	55.28●	-0.89	6.55
Do Acc	54.82	58.43●	-0.73	6.55
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Cos	71.81	76.59	-1.81	0.52
UK Inc Fund	99.51	106.4●	-1.50	5.04
Far East	98.53	105.3	-2.24	4.87
O'seas Income	62.52	66.81	-1.20	4.29
Fixed Interest	53.69	56.52	+0.04	9.87
Intl Res	63.59	68.44	-1.45	1.77
Euro Income	70.3	75.1	-1.0	3.03
Financials	47.67	51.20●	-1.03	2.43
Intl Tech	107.6	115.1●	-2.7	0.70
UK Growth	73.11	78.19	-1.59	2.06
US Major	48.57	51.73	-1.34	0.73
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	73.19	77.86c	-1.13	1.28
Do Inc	70.85	75.37c	-1.10	1.28
High Yield Acc	31.94	33.98c	-0.47	5.77
Do Inc	28.73	30.56c	-0.42	5.77
Inc Gth Acc	59.84	63.66	-1.33	4.81
Do Inc	50.03	53.23	-1.11	4.81
Service Co Acc	72.80	77.45	-1.03	1.33
Do Inc	70.75	75.26	-1.01	1.33
Am Gth Acc	24.55	26.12	-0.86	0.98
Do Inc	24.28	25.83	-0.86	0.98
Euro Gth Acc	20.46	21.75●	-0.26	0.17
Do Inc	20.22	21.52●	-0.28	0.17
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	111.5	118.2	-4.1	0.59
Am Equity Inc	27.89	29.64	-0.78	5.28
Am Spec Sits	58.78	62.20	-1.44	0.00
Australia	24.75	26.31	-0.03	0.93
European	78.88	83.89	-0.30	..
Euro Inc	23.79	25.31●	-0.22	2.58
Global Conv	22.19	23.74●	-0.26	5.19
Far East Inc	40.58	42.99	-0.16	3.19
Gt/Fxd Interest	28.97	29.21●	-0.09	9.83
Growth/Inc	129.6	133.0	-2.4	3.87
Jap Spec Sits	82.29	87.48	-2.26	..
Japan	169.0	179.8	-3.9	..
Managed Intl	135.7	144.4●	-3.7	0.00
Inc Plus	115.3	123.7●	-2.0	4.55
Famous Name	45.94	49.27	-1.21	1.23
SE Asia	47.21	50.27	-1.13	0.67
Spec Sits	329.0	349.5	-5.4	0.54
East Opps	28.78	28.47●	-0.59	0.60
Intl Bond	24.31	25.65	-0.08	7.01
Recov	32.33	34.68●	-0.70	1.80
Moneybuilder	29.50	31.42	-0.37	1.69
Euro Ops 1992	28.29	30.28	-0.28	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	185.3	196.0	-5.2	..
Do Acc	188.3	200.3	-5.3	..
Am Trnd Inc	224.9	237.9	-7.1	..
Do Acc	233.3	246.8	-7.3	..
Capit Inc	286.7	303.4●	-3.6	2.14
Do Acc	361.3	382.3●	-4.5	2.14
Conv Inc	115.4	122.1	-2.0	4.89
Do Acc	168.9	179.4	-2.9	4.89
Euro Inc	68.68	72.67	-0.74	0.71
Do Acc	69.25	73.28	-0.75	0.71
Extra Inc Inc	268.3	283.9	-4.3	4.83
Do Acc	312.6	330.7	-5.0	4.83
Financial Acc	50.54	53.48	-0.38	0.80
Do Inc	50.08	52.99	-0.97	0.80
Inc Trust	180.8	191.3	-3.1	4.28
Do Acc	207.3	219.3	-3.6	4.28
Intl Gth	148.2	156.8	-5.0	..
Do Acc	164.5	174.0	-5.6	..
Jap & Gen Inc	141.2	149.4●	-4.9	..
Do Acc	142.7	150.9●	-4.9	..
Monthly Inc	140.8	148.9●	-1.5	4.42
PEP 87	65.28		-1.38	3.32
PEP 88	69.02	52.45	+0.49	2.98
Recov	202.0	213.7	-4.9	1.79
Do Acc	224.9	237.9	-5.4	1.79
Smlr Inc	64.70	68.46●	-0.44	2.61
Do Acc	66.23	70.08●	-0.45	2.61
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622				
Equity Dist	265.6	282.8	-5.14	2.85
Do Acc	468.8	498.8	-9.24	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	67.17	71.46	-0.98	0.52
Do Acc	67.57	71.88	-0.97	0.52
Fixed Int Dist	115.5	122.5	-0.14	5.85
Do Acc	155.0	165.3	-0.19	5.85
Int Gth Dist	58.49	62.44	-1.32	0.64
Do Acc	59.20	62.98	-1.34	0.64
N Am Dist	120.4	127.9	-4.12	1.19
Do Acc	124.2	131.7	-4.25	1.19
Pac Basin Dist	197.2	209.8	-5.32	0.28
Do Acc	197.5	210.2	-5.32	0.28
Stwrd Dist	257.4	275.8	-2.81	1.52
Do Acc	274.0	291.5	-4.07	1.52
Stwd Int Dist	65.58	69.74●	-0.24	4.20
Do Acc	68.17	72.52●	-0.24	4.20
NAm Stwd Dist	58.51	59.50	-0.45	0.84
Do Acc	57.70	61.18	-2.37	0.84
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	57.26	63.38	-2.79	0.47
UK Cap Inc	150.3	159.9	-4.3	2.93
Do Acc	228.2	244.1	-6.6	2.93
Do Spec Sits	60.40	64.95	-3.20	1.84
Inc Fund	111.1	118.8●	-2.5	5.56
Intl	170.4	180.3●	-4.0	1.64
US/Genrl	44.63	47.74	-1.71	0.98
Jap & Genrl	347.3	371.3	-4.2	0.26
Far East/Gen	138.8	148.4	-3.0	0.99
Euro	279.1	295.3●	-4.7	0.69
Germany	62.38	66.32	-1.14	2.13
Intl Inc	50.03	53.51	-0.99	6.51
W'wide Spec Sit	65.49	70.05	-1.85	3.95
Global Pr Inc	53.76	57.50	-1.05	2.98
Do Acc	53.76	57.50	-1.05	2.98
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	79.08	84.91	-1.61	1.67
Do Dist	66.15	71.02	-1.35	1.67
Capit Gth	27.84	29.54●	-0.52	2.33
Pract Inv Inc	78.75	84.46●	-1.58	2.89
Do Acc	150.4	161.5●	-3.51	2.69
UK Sel Opps	104.7	112.3	-1.45	0.78
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	65.44	69.99	..	5.46
Fxd Interest	29.38	31.42	-0.10	9.81
High Inc	33.00	35.29●	-0.59	4.76
Income	111.6	119.3●	-1.22	4.30
Intl Fxd Int	23.23	24.45●	-0.04	7.52
UK Smi Cos	119.2	127.8	-1.47	1.97
International Trusts				
Commod Shrs	64.97	69.95	-0.65	1.64
Frontier Mkts	28.90	30.78c	-0.14	0.46
Global	172.3	183.7	-4.14	0.27
Do Dist	163.2	174.0	-3.91	0.27
Glob Inc/Gth	76.50	81.25c	-0.73	5.17
Gold Shrs	15.40	16.52	-0.31	1.75
Intl Sel Opps	115.4	123.4	-2.08	0.73
W'wide Recov	99.37	105.2	-1.25	0.00
Overseas Trusts				
American	69.43	74.22	-2.48	1.22
Am Sel Opp	28.21	30.65●	-1.23	0.00
Australian	13.50	14.51	-0.09	1.74
European	50.64	53.82●	-0.59	1.74
Euro Sel Opp	65.55	69.75	-1.52	0.00
Far East	142.7	153.1	-3.43	0.00
Hedged Am	33.11	35.13	-0.73	0.60
Hong Kong	37.23	39.78●	-1.12	1.12
Japan	141.8	152.4	-2.64	0.00
Jap Sl Opp	26.46	28.33	-1.00	0.00
Pacific Gth	64.30	68.79	-1.14	0.52
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 5346				
Intl Gth	56.96	60.77	-2.62	1.21
Amer Growth	63.61	67.25	-1.91	2.16
Amer Inc	64.21	68.58●	-1.63	4.12
Euro Growth	51.74	55.33●	-0.71	1.17
Gold/Mins	50.75	54.25	-1.45	0.63
Jap Growth	71.92	76.91●	-1.38	..
Pacific Inc	95.43	102.0	-2.23	3.10
Pacific Strat	50.99	54.13	-2.55	0.41
UK Prog Inc	75.88	81.19	-2.19	4.66
UK Spec Opps	180.6	173.6●	-1.54	1.59
Gt British	41.32	44.33	-1.43	3.38
UK Smi Co	44.83	47.58●	-0.27	1.58
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	113.6	118.0●	-0.3	8.39
Gth Equity	287.2	302.9	-5.9	2.68
Guardhill	393.0	407.2●	-5.9	2.77
Inc Tst	109.6	115.9	-2.4	5.21
Intl	116.1	122.8●	-2.0	0.83
N Amer	123.5	131.0	-4.3	1.50
Pacific	299.2	314.2	-9.7	0.30
Prop Share	389.9	405.2	-1.4	2.15
Smlr Cos	323.3	341.0	-3.1	1.79
Euro	280.1	296.3	-1.5	0.85
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	48.12	51.21	-0.31	0.80
High Inc	103.3	109.3	-0.5	5.50
N Am	114.8	122.7●	-3.7	0.54
Pacific Gth	47.67	50.47	-0.48	0.56
Recov	372.5	392.5	-7.9	1.83
St Vin Inc	113.4	115.2●	-1.7	5.34
St Vin US Gth	50.33	52.34●	-1.31	0.96
TB Sm Cos	294.1	307.7	..	3.18
TBUSF	171.9	184.5	..	2.95
Euro Gen Tst	52.14	55.25●	-1.03	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	56.99	60.45c	-0.67	8.29
Canadian	45.31	48.71	-1.02	0.53
Equity Inc	115.9	122.9	-0.3	5.61
Euro	89.32	94.73●	-3.59	0.75
High Inc	86.51	92.23●	-1.34	6.83
Intl Sits	52.10	55.72	-1.73	0.86
Jap & Far East	141.7	150.3	-5.7	0.01
N Am	59.31	62.56	-2.30	0.72
Recov/Asset	73.13	74.47●	-1.51	1.88
Scandinavian	33.43	35.19	-1.56	0.58
Smlr Cos	37.50	40.31●	-0.20	0.87
UK New Genrn	44.56	47.40	-1.61	0.55
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton Brentwood Essex Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	103.9	111.1	-3.3	1.43
Am Smlr Cos	42.29	45.43	-1.57	0.00
Australian	106.2	113.4●	-0.4	4.58
Best of Amer	51.68	54.54●	-1.31	1.85
Capit Gth Inc	68.94	75.28●	-1.37	2.95
Do Acc	84.29	90.61●	-1.66	2.95
European	254.9	271.5	-1.0	0.19
Euro Inc	46.78	49.99●	-3.9	3.58
Euro Smlr Cos	93.83	100.4	+0.53	0.00
Extra Inc	250.2	269.8●	-3.9	5.05
Financial	163.6	201.6	-2.2	2.52
Fixed Interest	50.87	54.33●	-0.12	10.00
Gilt	38.59	41.59	-0.04	10.89
Global H'care	81.63	87.58	-2.20	0.47
Global Inc/Gth	64.25	68.93	-1.28	4.52
Global Resrces	70.83	74.25	-2.57	0.35
Global Tech	92.38	99.10	-4.17	0.34
High Inc	266.4	284.8	-8.3	4.05
Hong Kong	67.72	71.28	-1.84	3.76
Income/Gth Inc	232.5	248.1	-4.8	4.03
Do Acc	427.7	460.5	-13.2	4.03
Inc Assets	144.7	155.5●	-3.4	4.74
Intl	167.6	179.3	-6.3	1.06
Jap Spec Sits	214.0	228.2	-6.3	0.00
Jap	208.1	222.2	-5.3	0.00
Nth Amer	129.5	137.9	-5.2	1.06
Pac Smlr Cos	102.3	109.7●	-1.7	0.72
Pension Man	47.65	49.53●	-0.95	3.52
Pref/Gilt	54.36	59.44●	-0.21	10.23
Recov	155.4	177.9●	-2.3	2.13
Singapr Malay	42.62	45.51	-0.36	0.68
Smlr Cos Div	188.5	202.6	-0.8	4.31
Spec Sits Inc	211.9	224.7●	-3.2	1.41
Do Acc	305.1	325.8	-4.5	1.41
Euro Exempt	113.8	119.0●	-2.9	1.83
Glo Tec Exmpt	63.15	65.62	-2.87	0.86
HI Inc Exempt	180.7	193.9●	-3.5	4.69
Jap Exempt	204.7	219.9●	-4.3	0.00
N Am Exempt	80.20	91.97	-3.46	1.32
Pacific Exempt	204.8	212.3	-2.0	0.26
Smlr Co Exmpt	197.5	199.8	-2.6	2.38
Best of British	42.19	45.15	-1.38	3.43
Spirit Of East	41.29	44.01●	-1.51	1.79
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	67.35	72.09●	-2.85	1.93
Capit	120.3	128.8	-4.4	1.59
Dollar	182.2	194.8	-4.9	0.38
Euro	132.4	141.7	-2.1	2.00
Far East	149.4	159.7	-3.3	0.08
Financial	453.3	483.4●	-12.2	2.67
G/F Interst Inc	25.99	28.04	-0.07	6.75
High Yield	93.61	100.1	-1.9	4.30
Intl Trust	174.7	182.5	-3.3	3.32
Intl	143.5	152.2	-4.2	0.71
Jap Tech	52.62	56.27	-1.68	0.00
Natrl Resrces	50.66	54.16c	-0.57	1.56
Security	244.0	259.9●	-9.0	1.62
Smlr Cos	135.7	145.1c	-0.2	0.74
Spec Sits	132.9	142.1●	-3.0	1.62
US Smlr Cos	26.23	28.05	-0.98	0.80
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36, Queen Street London EC4R 1BN Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit/Overs	146.6	155.1	-3.8	1.90
Inc Plus	74.41	78.74	-0.48	3.51
Cap Gth	73.22	79.59	-1.63	3.90
Invest Trst	86.45	91.49	-0.83	7.08
KEY FUND MANAGERS 86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264779				
Equity/Gen	60.37	64.29	-1.37	2.28
GF Interest	68.49	72.88●	-0.02	8.83
Higher Inc	145.3	155.9	-4.3	5.88
Income	95.22	101.5	-2.04	3.59
Intl	65.10	69.35●	-1.42	1.15
Smlr Cos	63.76	68.02●	-0.72	1.44
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	52.15	55.48●	-0.87	5.72
Do Acc	54.58	58.49	-0.91	5.72
Gilt Yield Inc	105.2	114.2●	-0.1	9.68
Do Acc	120.7	126.2	-0.1	9.68
Gross Inc	155.4	165.3●	-3.6	4.05
Do Acc	285.0	303.2	-6.5	4.05
High Yield Inc	119.8	127.5c	-3.9	4.93
Do Acc	264.5	281.4	-8.8	4.93
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smr Co	52.55	55.91	-1.63	0.00
Do Acc	54.15	57.61	-1.68	0.00
N Amer	46.25	49.14	-1.58	1.70
Do Acc	55.00	58.42	-1.85	1.70
Euro Inc	91.65	97.38	-1.11	1.95
Do Acc	115.7	122.9	-1.4	1.95
Euro Spec Inc	69.27	73.60	-0.12	1.85
Do Acc	69.92	74.18	-0.22	1.85
FO Invst Trst	26.68	28.35●	-0.55	2.58
Do Acc	35.71	37.99	-0.74	2.58
Genrl Inc	216.4	230.2	-5.6	2.66
Do Acc	312.8	332.8	-8.5	2.66
Intl Recov	125.4	133.4	-2.4	1.53
Do Acc	135.8	144.5	-2.8	1.52
Jap Inc	337.8	359.4	-8.5	0.00
Do Acc	341.6	363.4	-8.5	0.00
Jap Spec	153.7	163.5●	-2.5	0.00
Do Acc	154.4	164.3●	-2.5	0.00
Master Acc	163.9	174.3	-3.9	1.27
Pacific Inc	192.3	204.5	-3.4	0.41
Do Acc	219.1	233.1	-3.8	0.41
Smr Cos Inc	123.1	130.9	-4.5	1.39
Do Acc	150.7	160.3	-5.6	1.39
UK Equity Gth	30.82	32.79●	-0.94	1.72
Do Acc	52.33	55.68●	-1.60	1.72
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 63, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4908				
European	42.05	44.72	-0.60	0.00
Extra Inc	24.75	26.27●	-0.50	7.79
Far East	22.09	23.50●	-0.57	0.30
Income Gth	65.44	69.62●	-0.03	5.02
Int Gth	33.83	47.37●	+1.83	1.57
Japan	55.15	58.67	-1.77	0.00
N Am Equity	25.03	26.63	-1.26	0.42
UK Equity	63.40	67.45	-0.68	2.84
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	320.2	340.6●	-8.5	3.44
Do Acc	536.8	570.8●	-14.2	3.44
Do Inc	82.37	87.63	-1.88	4.39
European	64.33	68.44	-0.68	0.51
Far East	151.2	160.9	-3.7	0.01
Fixed Interest	45.68	48.60●	-0.07	8.21
Gilt	83.91	88.79	-0.60	7.53
Global Gth	51.45	54.73	-1.12	0.01
Intl Bond	42.77	45.45●	-0.17	5.81
Japanese	69.95	74.42	-1.72	0.01
O'seas Equity	86.88	92.43	-2.20	0.75
Natrl Res	97.29	103.5●	-1.85	1.03
N Amer	79.59	84.67	-3.81	0.57
UK Recov	53.51	56.93	-0.73	2.71
UK Spec Sits	94.47	100.5	-1.94	1.30
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF 09999 tel:0634 834313				
Balanced	229.0	243.6	-5.42	2.99
Do Acc	434.5	462.2	-10.3	2.99
Cons Euro Gth	35.87	38.05	-0.59	0.32
Do Acc	36.50	38.72	-0.80	0.32
Energy Intl	60.17	64.01●	-1.70	2.23
Do Acc	70.76	75.28	-1.99	2.23
Extra Inc	205.8	219.0	-3.15	4.84
Do Acc	410.0	436.2	-6.74	4.84
German Gth	59.62	63.16	-0.72	0.68
Do Acc	61.22	64.86	-0.74	0.68
Income	373.0	396.8	-7.13	4.11
Do Acc	799.8	849.8	-15.3	4.11
Intl Tech	192.4	204.7	-7.56	0.57
Do Acc	203.0	216.0	-7.57	0.57
Jap Growth	111.1	118.0	-2.68	0.01
Do Acc	111.5	118.4	-2.70	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	44.96	47.21	-1.05	1.24
Do Acc	44.96	47.21	-1.05	1.34
N Am & Gen	111.1	118.2	-4.81	1.48
Do Acc	123.9	131.8	-5.37	1.48
NAm Sc Rec	82.11	86.97	-1.74	0.01
Do Acc	82.23	86.20	-1.74	0.01
Pacific Basin	167.5	178.2	-3.98	0.01
Do Acc	175.6	186.8	-4.15	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	305.4	324.9	-4.56	1.89
Do Acc	355.9	378.7	-5.32	1.89
UK Gth Fund	63.49	67.54	-1.53	2.48
Do Acc	66.26	70.49	-1.59	2.46
W'wide Growth	202.4	215.3	-5.32	0.87
Do Acc	288.5	306.9	-8.43	0.87
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282573				
Genrl	54.37	57.72	-1.38	3.10
Inc Trust	48.89	51.90●	-1.25	5.00
Intl	37.49	39.80	-0.98	0.80
American	31.29	33.22	-1.15	1.60
Japan	49.79	52.86	-0.78	0.00
Trst Of Invst	41.41	43.96c	-0.85	1.70
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0243-286266				
Am & Gen Inc	215.4	227.8	-8.3	1.41
Do Acc	259.0	273.9	-8.3	1.41
Am Recov	247.1	261.3	-7.6	0.91
Do Acc	275.1	290.9	-8.5	0.91
Am Sm Co Acc	349.8	374.3	-8.4	2.68
Australia Acc	120.9	128.8●	-0.8	1.67
Commod Acc	320.6	339.0●	-9.0	2.09
Convers Gth	592.7	628.8	-14.9	2.93
Conv Inc	534.8	565.5●	-8.1	3.48
Do Inc	274.5	290.0●	-4.8	3.48
Dividend Inc	598.3	630.6	-11.1	4.38
Do Acc	£19.21	20.30	-0.37	4.38
Euro Acc	320.0	340.6	-4.7	0.80
Extra Yield Inc	812.5	859.2●	-13.3	5.33
Do Acc	333.0	352.3●	-5.6	5.33
Far East Inc	174.1	184.1●	-2.1	1.13
Do Acc	218.7	231.3	-2.6	1.13
Gt Inv Inc	349.8	374.3	-8.4	2.68
Do Acc	577.4	617.8	-13.8	2.68
Genrl Income	880.6	941.8	-19.0	3.80
Do Acc	£20.23	21.39	-0.43	3.80
Gt/Fxd Interest	57.7	60.5●	-0.3	9.36
Do Acc	105.9	111.2	-0.6	9.36
Gold Inc	43.6	46.1	+0.5	1.41
Do Acc	47.8	50.8	+0.6	1.41
High Inc Inc	455.7	481.3	-8.7	5.26
Do Acc	£13.60	14.38	-0.25	5.25
Intl Gth Inc	884.4	941.8	-25.0	1.39
Do Acc	£14.62	15.57	-0.41	1.39
Intl Inc	64.0	68.2	-1.1	5.07
Jap Acc	£11.42	12.10	-0.20	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	122.4	129.4	-2.1	0.09
Midland/Gen	£10.32	10.91	-0.15	3.91
Do Acc	£27.48	29.08	-0.40	3.91
Recov Inc	613.6	648.9	-12.6	4.00
Do Acc	840.5	889.3	-17.3	4.00
2nd Gen Inc	£10.23	10.94	-0.21	3.37
Do Acc	£21.58	23.07	-0.44	3.37
Smlr Cos Inc	£11.71	12.47●	-0.08	2.78
Do Acc	£19.41	20.67●	-0.10	2.78
Trustee Inc	679.5	720.3	-14.5	4.07
Chaitd Inc 3	104.6		-0.2	10.81
Charifd Inc 2	553.8	567.0	-12.9	5.73
Pension Ex 1	803.7	880.3	-18.7	4.31
NAACIF Inc 3	43.8		-0.3	8.39
Do Acc 3	878.2		-4.1	8.33
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing Only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gth	84.58	89.01●	+0.10	4.43
Smlr Cos	32.78	34.60●	-0.20	1.52
Spec Features	28.13	29.88●	-0.75	1.13
Do Acc	29.88	31.72●	-0.80	1.06
General Funds				
UK Growth	42.91	45.53	-0.88	2.51
Asset/Earn Di	58.83	62.50	-1.14	2.25
Do Acc	61.20	65.02	-1.19	2.16
GB Co	386.1	413.6	-8.7	2.53
Managed Inv	62.97	67.44●	-0.91	2.15
Rupert Child	52.50	55.97c	-1.19	2.31
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	78.36	83.25	-1.24	5.81
Gilt	26.09	27.51	-0.04	8.77
Inc/Gth	31.49	33.70●	-0.48	3.72
Pref Shares	20.20	21.48●	-0.07	8.53
UK Income	264.7	283.6●	-6.1	4.01
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	139.8	148.5	-0.5	1.71
Financial Secs	43.43	46.14	-0.53	3.55
Gold	44.40	47.61	+0.14	0.53
Do Acc	46.38	49.74	+0.15	0.51
Intl Leisure	18.11	19.24	-0.35	0.00
Prop Shares	79.19	84.13●	-0.80	1.55
Univ Energy	59.86	63.60	-1.29	1.78
World Tech	39.28	41.73	-1.26	0.38
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	119.3	125.7	-2.4	3.45
Euro Expt Acc	77.30	82.58	-1.03	0.84
Euro Expt Inc	78.46	82.07	-1.02	0.84
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	30.85	32.72●	-1.05	1.56
Australian Gth	41.82	44.72	-0.07	2.73
Drayton Jap	57.01	60.60	-1.06	0.00
Euro Perf	78.53	84.38	-0.72	0.34
Do Acc	79.89	85.30	-0.74	0.34
Euro Smlr Cos	14.22	15.25	-0.22	1.14
Far East	79.12	84.06	+0.41	0.28
French Gth	41.77	44.30●	-0.72	0.50
Do Acc	42.33	45.50●	-0.73	0.50
Hong Kong	27.76	29.69	-0.47	2.03
Intl Gth	41.55	44.14	-0.54	1.74
Jap Perf	117.5	125.2	-2.6	0.00
Do Acc	117.8	125.2	-2.6	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	27.63	29.40	-0.51	0.00
Sing ASEAN	35.57	38.17	+0.42	1.01
Do Acc	35.61	38.19	+0.42	1.01
SE Asia	93.50	99.28●	-0.71	0.74
US Sml Co	62.57	68.22	-1.40	0.00
Do Acc	63.33	68.95	-1.41	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	63.83	67.81●	-1.30	3.60
Intl Bond	45.32	47.75●	-0.03	5.72
US Income	50.59	53.96●	-0.99	4.18
Do Acc	59.91	63.91●	-1.17	3.53
MEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	70.34	72.11c	+0.06	8.13
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	25.30	26.91	-1.05	0.77
Emerg	27.18	28.91	-0.41	1.04
Genrl	42.90	45.64	-0.90	2.65
Intl	53.15	61.86c	-1.71	1.91
Gilt Unit	25.39	26.18●	-0.39	8.49
Inc/Gth	71.58	76.15●	-1.52	3.81
Euro	35.50	38.15●	-0.58	1.22
Safety 1st	26.02	27.68●	-0.17	6.37
UK Smlr Cos	24.85	26.44●	-0.28	1.59
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 680056				
Inv Port Acc	102.2	109.2	-2.0	2.75
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD 46, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Far East	94.49	100.3	-2.43	0.25
Inc Fund	59.34	62.99●	-1.25	4.72
European	44.59	47.33●	-0.61	1.11
N Amer	30.29	32.15	-1.14	1.03
Gmy/Rec	57.36	60.89	-0.75	2.02
Intl Gth	481.2	510.8	-11.8	1.95
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	99.0	105.6	-3.8	0.00
Do Acc	105.5	112.5	-4.1	0.00
Am Income	42.76	45.59●	-1.51	3.22
Do Acc	51.89	55.30●	-1.84	3.22
Euro Growth	123.2	131.4	-1.5	0.45
Do Acc	130.3	139.0	-1.4	0.45
General	344.1	367.1●	-8.1	2.01
Do Acc	594.0	633.7●	-10.5	2.01
Gilt/Fixed	84.08	88.64	-0.10	7.60
Do Acc	112.8	119.0	-0.2	7.60
Income	113.4	121.0●	-1.6	3.67
Do Acc	139.1	148.4●	-2.0	3.67
Intl	281.5	299.8	-8.9	1.09
Do Acc	361.5	385.1	-11.2	1.09
Japan	194.0	205.5	-6.5	0.00
Do Acc	199.1	211.9	-6.8	0.00
Recov	286.1	305.2	-8.0	1.80
Do Acc	321.0	342.5	-8.9	1.80
Exmpt Dist	335.4	344.1	-6.8	4.47
Do Acc	551.1	565.2	-11.0	4.47
Euro Inc	66.33	70.40	-0.92	4.25
Do Acc	73.33	77.83	-1.02	4.25
Am Smlr Dist	39.08	41.63	-2.15	0.00
Do Acc	39.61	42.26	-2.19	0.00
Br Blue Chp Di	48.12	51.33●	-1.32	1.82
Do Acc	50.54	53.91●	-1.36	1.82
Pond Dist	48.32	51.55●	-0.88	3.73
Do Acc	49.29	52.58●	-0.90	3.73
High Inc Dist	49.47	52.77	-1.26	5.01
Do Acc	52.34	56.79	-1.37	5.01
High Int Dist	42.34	45.03●	-0.11	7.79
Do Acc	48.58	51.67●	-0.12	7.79
Pacific Dist	43.48	52.78	-1.64	1.25
Do Acc	49.89	53.22	-1.65	1.35
UK Smlr Dist	51.35	54.78●	-0.77	1.34
Do Acc	53.37	56.93●	-0.80	1.34
Am Sm Cos Ea	40.89	41.74c	-1.87	0.07
Do Acc	40.98	42.02c	-1.88	0.07
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	53.97	57.42●	-1.28	2.54
Do Acc	54.85	58.35●	-1.27	2.54
Capit Income	114.2	121.5	-2.5	2.48
Do Acc	163.8	174.0	-3.5	2.48
Extra High Inc	72.32	76.94	-1.01	6.75
Do Acc	96.63	102.8c	-1.36	6.75
Gt/Fxd Income	52.04	54.35●	-0.10	7.79
Do Acc	101.3	106.3●	-0.2	7.79
High Yield	209.8	223.2	-4.5	4.94
Do Acc	395.9	421.1	-8.6	4.94
Income	235.8	250.8	-5.8	3.82
Do Acc	419.1	445.9	-10.4	3.82
Intl High St Dis	53.06	56.44	-1.32	2.65
Do Acc	53.93	57.37	-1.35	2.65
Jap & Pacific	349.0	369.9●	-7.9	0.00
Do Acc	365.8	388.8●	-8.3	0.00
Mandarin	51.51	54.72	-1.02	1.49
N Amer Inc	104.5	111.2	-1.8	0.71
Do Acc	109.4	116.6	-2.2	0.71
Euro Gth Inc	111.9	117.9	-1.5	0.78
Do Acc	137.2	144.7	-1.8	0.78
Managed Portf	65.91	70.12●	-1.40	1.84
Mordaun Gth	111.8	118.9●	-2.5	1.75
Meridian Inc	106.0	112.2●	-2.0	3.61
Smlr Cos Inc	178.1	189.5	-1.9	2.08
Do Acc	197.5	210.1	-2.0	2.08
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-826 0123				
Amer Gth	114.6	122.0	-3.8	2.78
Euro Gth	150.3	159.9	-0.6	2.03
Intl Gth	124.9	132.9	-4.0	7.35
UK Equity Inc	113.3	120.6●	-2.4	4.35
UK Eq In Acc	115.3	122.8●	-2.4	4.35
UK Eq In Trckr	108.3	112.5	-2.3	4.00
US Eq In Trckr	109.3	115.7	-3.9	2.16
Do Acc	109.3	115.7	-3.8	2.16
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090333				
Amer Inc	105.0	111.5●	-1.90	4.45
European	47.60	50.47●	-0.27	1.50
Far East	101.3	108.0	-1.34	0.22
Olympiad	44.21	47.12●	-0.39	0.95
Olympiad Inc	38.10	40.81	+0.03	5.91
Smlr Cos	73.74	78.71●	-0.94	1.38
UK Equity Inc	80.70	86.14●	-0.59	5.37
UK Growth	61.11	65.23●	-0.59	2.34
N M SCHRODER The Sitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730				
Amer Acc	26.58	28.35	-1.01	1.51
Australn Acc	173.2	185.8●	-1.4	1.88
Consurence Inc	47.20	50.37	-0.82	1.98
Do Acc	48.08	51.31	-0.94	1.98
Euro Inc	115.2	122.8●	-1.6	1.07
Do Acc	120.1	128.1c	-1.8	1.07
Extra Inc	73.80	78.76●	-1.09	8.45
Extra Inc Acc	88.41	94.35●	-1.29	6.45
F East Gth Acc	109.6	117.1	-3.8	0.20
Gt/Fxd Income	52.14	55.17●	-0.43	8.75
Gold Inc	37.70	40.59	-0.20	1.13
Do Acc	40.34	43.37	-0.21	1.13
Inc	49.30	52.58●	-0.90	5.31
Do Acc	121.3	129.3●	-2.2	5.31
Intl Inc	24.73	26.53	-0.55	0.72
Do Acc	34.76	37.29	-0.77	0.72
Jap Sm Co Acc	200.1	213.4	-3.4	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	83.99	90.06	-0.32	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	38.80	41.72●	-0.37	1.89
Spec Sits Inc	31.27	33.62●	-0.60	1.25
Do Acc	33.27	35.77●	-0.64	1.25
Tokyo Inc	73.51	78.41●	-1.23	0.00
Do Acc	74.25	79.20●	-1.24	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	47.95	50.85	-1.33	0.00
UK Equity Inc	136.4	145.4	-4.3	3.74
Do Acc	224.4	239.3	-7.2	3.74
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD Pearl Assurance House Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SA Tel: Dealings 0800-626577 Inquiry 0733-67767				
Gth Trust Inc	114.0	120.6	-2.6	2.57
Do Acc	178.5	187.9	-3.5	2.57
Inc Trust	172.8	183.8●	-4.5	3.63
Intl Equity Inc	156.4	166.4	-3.3	1.54
Do Acc	162.0	172.3	-3.4	1.54
Equity Inc	169.7	180.4	-4.3	2.84
Do Acc	312.9	332.8	-8.0	2.94
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	297.4	318.1	-9.25	1.51
Income	235.5	251.7c	-5.26	4.60
W'wide Rec	174.0	186.2●	-4.23	1.62
Am Growth	71.99	77.00●	-2.56	1.03
Intl Emerg Cos	77.18	82.55c	-1.47	0.70
Far East Grwth	111.7	119.5	-1.91	1.06
Euro Gth	64.85	69.15	-0.82	1.25
UK Growth	45.09	48.23●	-1.00	2.82
High Inc	54.20	57.97	-0.81	6.20
Jap Gth	100.0	107.06	-1.38	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
Intl	130.0	138.2c	-5.1	0.86
High Inc	89.47	95.59	-2.78	4.30
Conv Gilt	125.2	133.9	-0.8	6.02
Far East	242.0	257.2●	-3.7	0.01
Nth Amer	122.9	131.9c	-4.3	0.01
Spec Sits	103.1	110.6	-2.8	0.86
Technology	119.7	128.6	-2.5	0.69
Extra Inc	136.2	145.6●	-3.1	4.66
Euro Gth/Inc	44.93	48.08	-0.80	2.22
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-69, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	558.3	590.8c	-4.02	2.60
European	110.7	118.4	-2.3	0.60
Holb Comms	68.72	73.50	-0.05	0.33
Holb High Inc	86.26	92.26●	-0.18	5.74
Holb Intl	106.9	114.4	-2.92	1.11
Japanese	148.3	158.6●	-3.22	0.04
N Amer	74.51	79.69	-0.40	0.72
Holb Spec Sits	96.60	103.3	-1.50	1.92
Holb UK Gth	99.14	106.0●	-2.53	2.40
Holb Pretner	43.03	45.02●	-0.07	7.12
Holb Smlr Cos	70.29	75.08	-0.83	2.81
Holb Eqty Inc	68.36	73.11●	-0.57	4.65
Holb Intl SC	47.26	50.55●	-0.65	0.06
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel: 01-634 2861/4				
Income	118.5	127.6	-2.63	4.54
Japan	223.5	240.3	-7.68	0.00
Major UK Co	65.82	70.80	-1.57	2.53
Smlr Aus	69.85	75.16●	-0.77	2.27
Amer Inc	268.0	288.5	-8.98	1.12
Do Acc	298.1	321.9	-8.98	1.12
Smlr Cos	213.2	233.2●	-1.43	2.16
Smlr Canada	34.88	38.11c	-0.50	1.30
Smlr Euro Cos	172.2	185.8	+0.88	0.85
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2531				
Cap Gwth Inc	77.40	83.29	-1.97	2.71
Do Acc	93.79	100.9	-2.34	0.00
Pacific Basin	166.2	177.6●	-3.1	2.49
Do 6% Wthd	76.21	81.45●	-1.62	0.00
Finance/Prop	90.10	96.89	-0.86	2.54
Fixed/Conv	49.50	53.29	-0.28	7.50
Do Acc	98.44	103.7	-0.58	0.00
Equity Inc	114.1	122.7	-2.1	4.98
Do Acc	288.0	317.2	-5.2	0.00
High Yield Inc	120.1	129.1●	-1.1	5.68
Do Acc	339.1	368.1●	-3.1	0.00
Intl Inc	89.80	96.56	-1.49	1.28
Do Acc	93.97	101.0	-1.60	0.00
Preference Inc	50.85	54.68	-0.36	6.87
Do Acc	192.1	206.6	-1.4	0.00
Smlr Cos	78.38	82.11	-1.10	2.15
Do Acc	84.87	91.27	-1.22	0.00
Pres Canada	47.40	47.64	-1.26	0.08
Pres Commod	54.13	54.40	-1.82	0.07
Pres Europe	102.2	102.7	-1.1	0.00
Pres Global	48.01	48.17	+0.10	5.27
Pres Gold	37.93	38.12	-0.43	0.13
Pres HK	37.69	37.88	-1.27	0.07
Pres Jap	129.3	130.0	-3.2	0.00
Pres Sing/M	45.47	45.70	+0.13	0.08
Pres UK	98.4	98.9	-2.5	1.28
Pres US	65.94	66.27	-2.39	1.33
W'wide Alpha	55.46	59.45●	-0.82	1.80
Do Acc	55.63	59.64●	-0.82	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	50.90	54.14	-1.15	8.45
Capit	114.0	121.2	-3.0	1.28
Commod	72.52	77.14	-2.09	0.95
Euro Growth	105.5	112.2	-1.7	0.53
Financial Secs	117.2	124.8	-1.7	2.32
High Return	248.5	262.2	-8.0	4.74
High Yield	219.5	233.5c	-9.1	4.49
Inc Units	119.5	127.2●	-1.9	5.53
Investment	120.1	127.7	-2.6	2.33
Jap Growth	123.4	131.2	-2.6	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	140.8	149.7	-2.6	0.00
Masterfund	35.06	37.29	-0.80	2.85
Scotbits	168.9	177.5	-2.9	2.58
Scotshares	237.3	252.4	-4.9	2.82
Scotyields	209.2	222.5●	-6.0	4.53
Select Intl	94.41	100.4	-2.43	0.99
Smlr Cos Inc	255.6	271.8	-1.8	3.87
Spec Sits	142.5	151.5	-1.3	1.24
UK Equity	232.2	247.0	-5.5	2.39
US Growth	74.06	78.80●	-2.56	1.01
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2900				
Equity Auth	44.08	46.94	..	3.29
Equity Strat	54.29	57.82	-0.98	2.27
Euro Opp	48.24	52.44	-0.82	1.17
UK Smlr Cos	53.05	56.50	-0.54	1.20
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	235.8	252.2c	-5.7	3.07
Colombus	146.2	156.4c	-8.3	1.40
Marco Polo	233.9	250.2c	-3.9	0.32
Da Vinci	260.3	278.4c	-4.4	1.46
Drake	58.07	62.11c	-1.43	0.94
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	244.2	259.8	-6.5	2.83
UK Sm Cos Eq	245.8	261.7	-3.1	2.82
European	200.7	213.6c	-3.4	1.25
N Amer	125.9	134.0c	-4.4	1.61
Inc Plus	57.71	63.93●	-1.45	6.02
UK Spec Sir	72.61	77.49●	-1.52	2.84
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	18.89	20.00c	-0.36	3.20
Intl Gth Acc	19.89	21.07c	-0.51	0.88
Global Inc Acc	20.20	21.62c	-0.21	5.23
Mid Leadr Acc	18.06	19.33c	-0.35	3.89
SEI UNIT MANAGEMENT The Sitton Centre North Harbour Portsmouth Tel: Dealings:0705 387730				
O'seas Sm Co	53.71	57.13●	-1.10	0.33
Pension Charit	754.2	802.3	..	3.80
Recov	£12.70	13.51	-0.15	3.15
UK Sml Cos Ex	112.6	119.7●	-1.1	2.10
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	29.44	31.29●	-0.57	2.16
Equity Gth Acc	36.13	38.35●	-0.64	2.48
Equity High Inc	35.96	38.21c	-0.57	4.17
Equity Genrl	31.12	33.07●	-0.65	2.75
Do Acc	36.50	38.78c	-0.76	2.75
G/F Intrnl Inc	27.58	28.99c	-0.13	7.72
O'seas Lgr Acc	223.1	220.4c	-3.7	2.00
Nth Amer Acc	24.32	25.90●	+0.02	1.51
Far East Acc	46.71	49.53	-0.59	0.03
Euro Acc	26.62	28.19●	-0.20	1.25
UK Lgr Inc	218.8	237.4c	-4.4	3.82
Do Acc	243.0	263.7c	-5.5	3.82
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	210.0	223.5	-8.3	0.91
Do Acc	240.8	256.1	-7.2	0.91
Do Wthdl	129.9	138.3	-3.9	0.91
Australian Inc	163.4	174.0	+0.3	0.14
Do Acc	168.3	179.2	+0.4	0.14
British Inc	503.4	555.8●	-4.8	4.75
Do Acc	£13.29	14.06●	-0.07	4.75
Euro Inc	275.1	292.9	-2.7	0.49
Do Acc	291.8	310.4	-2.9	0.49
Jap Inc	90.91	96.82●	-1.33	0.06
Do Acc	91.83	97.80●	-1.34	0.06
Saints PPP	236.1	246.8	+10.0	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	519.0	552.1	-13.1	2.94
NAm Acc	55.38	58.99	-2.22	1.25
Far East Acc	116.2	123.6	-3.5	0.64
W'wide Bond	48.18	50.82c	+0.35	8.14
European	53.34	56.53	-0.40	2.26
Equity Inc	70.75	75.27	-1.44	4.65
W'wide Tech	43.04	45.79	-0.78	0.71
W'wide Fincl	41.54	44.19	-1.10	1.41
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2BZ Tel: Dealing 0256 841414				
UK Income	35.67	37.94	-0.95	3.98
Do Gth	31.33	33.32	-0.94	1.18
W'wide	21.91	23.30	-0.60	0.81
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	105.9	112.6	-3.95	1.27
Do Acc	113.6	120.9	-4.24	1.27
Br Gth Inc	61.54	65.42●	-1.77	2.52
Do Acc	65.1	69.2●	-1.1	2.52
Euro Inc	55.78	59.32●	-1.15	0.67
Do Acc	57.35	61.01●	-1.21	0.67
Extra Inc Inc	164.6	175.1●	-2.14	5.06
Do Acc	216.3	230.1●	-2.80	5.06
Genrl Unit Inc	197.5	210.0	-5.17	2.74
Do Acc	347.4	369.5	-10.8	2.74
Inc Trust	299.0	318.0	-8.01	4.43
Do Acc	508.6	541.1	-10.2	4.43
Intl	348.6	370.8	-10.8	0.28
Do Acc	440.4	468.6	-13.0	0.28
Pacific	243.0	258.6	-8.13	0.00
Do Acc	282.7	300.8	-8.86	0.00
Premier Inc	48.59	50.61	-0.20	7.08
Do Acc	75.76	78.92	-0.30	7.08
Natrl Resrces	67.58	71.89c	-1.19	0.98
Do Acc	71.64	76.21c	-1.26	0.98
Selected Opps	87.02	92.57●	-2.73	1.67
Do Accum	99.98	106.3●	-3.14	1.67
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	67.61	72.25	-2.33	1.65
Australian	7.45	7.93	-0.01	0.00
Commod	83.48	89.90	-1.86	0.00
Equity	166.5	179.5	-1.1	3.75
Equity Exempt	139.7	144.1	-2.0	1.98
Equity Ex Acc	264.4	273.7	-3.9	1.98
Euro Spec Sits	90.87	97.71	-0.36	0.71
Convertible	146.9	158.0●	-1.7	5.39
Financial	32.82	35.29●	-0.19	2.36
Global Inc	60.05	64.65	-0.99	0.87
Do Acc	121.157			
Gold Inc	48.54	49.93	-0.70	0.00
Do Acc	85.71	91.97	-1.29	0.00
Income	109.3	118.1●	-2.3	4.47
Japan	141.2	151.8	-6.3	0.80
Pacific Inc	129.1	139.0	-2.7	0.00
Do Acc	160.1	172.4	-3.4	0.00
Pref Share	25.51	27.56c	-0.33	7.51
UK Capit	99.46	107.4	-0.82	1.61
Spec Sits	104.0	112.9●	-4.3	3.08
World Cap	160.7	173.1	-3.4	1.77
World Inc	55.54	59.60●	-1.18	5.10
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing:01-493 8645				
Am Opp Dist	42.50	45.32●	-1.22	1.17
Do Acc	43.73	46.64●	-1.26	1.17
Euro Opp Dist	45.65	48.57	-0.23	0.00
Do Acc	45.30	48.21	-0.23	0.00
F East Opp Di	104.6	111.64	-2.82	0.00
Do Acc	105.3	112.38	-2.83	0.00
Gold Opp Inc	37.13	39.60	+0.17	2.80
Do Dist	38.19	40.73	+0.17	2.80
Intl Hi Yld Dist	48.80	52.04	-1.05	5.39
Do Acc	51.61	55.04	-1.11	5.39
Sanyo Jap Dist	61.67	65.78	-1.40	0.76
Do Acc	61.67	65.78	-1.40	0.76
Kangaroo Dist	28.37	30.25	-0.28	0.45
Do Acc	28.53	30.42	-0.29	0.45
Orient Inc Dist	27.48	29.28●	-0.73	2.75
Do Acc	29.94	31.93●	-0.79	2.75
Pac Tech Dist	56.00	59.67●	-1.61	0.00
Do Acc	55.45	59.14●	-1.62	0.00
Tiger Dist	112.7	120.2c	-1.76	0.35
Do Acc	113.7	121.3c	-1.78	0.35
UK Hi Yld Dist	44.30	47.24c	-0.15	7.47
Do Acc	49.07	52.33c	-0.17	7.47
UK Opp Dist	50.50	53.91●	-0.18	1.55
Do Acc	52.79	57.53●	-0.74	1.55
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	37.85	40.37●	-1.41	0.03
Eur Spec Sit	28.89	30.82c	-0.37	0.09
Do Acc	29.38	31.34c	-0.37	0.09
Genrl Growth	71.28	75.82	-0.34	3.25
Global Tech	57.01	60.97	-1.95	0.08
Inc Growth	83.24	88.55	-0.27	4.39
Inc Monthly	62.59	66.94●	-0.29	5.82
Jap Growth	73.85	78.52	-1.49	0.00
Man Equity Inc	28.59	30.56	-0.22	3.24
Do Acc	29.84	31.94	-0.23	3.24
O'seas Gth	53.37	57.08	-0.91	0.00
Smlr Cos	101.2	108.2c	-0.3	2.06
Spec Opp	115.9	123.9●	-0.5	2.86
WW Spec Sits	28.46	30.43	-0.25	0.09
Do Accum	28.48	30.47	-0.25	0.08
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Utd Charities	191.3	204.0	-5.8	4.43
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 89 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: Tel:01-374 0881				
Amer	60.09	64.26	-1.03	1.40
Pacific Perf	130.9	140.0	-2.7	0.50
Intl Gth	71.35	76.31	-1.28	1.00
Inc Tst	127.3	136.1c	-2.4	4.70
Jap Gth	205.1	219.3	-3.7	0.10
Sml Co	150.4	160.8●	-0.4	1.48
Technology	29.48	31.52	-0.74	0.10
Australia	49.95	53.02	-0.20	3.40
UK	175.8	188.0	-1.8	2.60
Euro Gth	55.22	59.05	-0.87	0.10
Hong Kong	35.82	38.31●	-0.86	1.70
Intl	20.27	21.67	-0.22	7.50
Sing Malay	26.78	28.64	+0.14	0.30
Br Wrrs	28.20	30.16●	-0.04	2.00
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	15.19	16.15●	+0.37	0.00
Pacific Basn	26.98	27.83	-0.20	0.60
Canadian Gth	44.70	47.55c	-1.74	0.10
Gmth Me	491.90	55.72●	-0.58	8.65
Penny Share	28.79	30.62	-0.88	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fund	184.7	198.5c	-8.4	1.29
Inc Fund	126.4	134.4c	-6.9	8.78
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Sht Dtd Gilt	81.50	82.53c	+0.10	5.77
US Govt Bonds	55.12	55.16	+0.06	0.00
Challenger	54.76	55.58	-0.30	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	66.02	70.24	-0.75	5.71
Income	83.72	88.58●	-2.04	3.63
Growth	92.65	98.88●	-1.13	1.50
Prop Shares	55.69	59.34	-0.46	1.16
Smlr Cos	64.39	68.50	-0.17	1.45
European	59.52	63.43	-0.83	0.29
Far Eastern	56.15	58.57	-0.77	1.07

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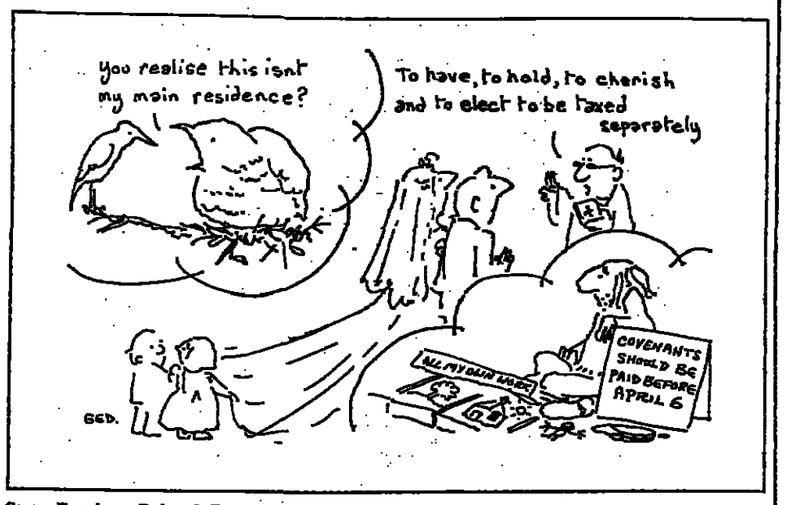
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FAMILY MONEY

Celebrate a happy new tax year this April 6

Tony Foreman offers some pointed advice on tax-saving



This may be your last chance to save tax before the start of the new tax year on April 6. Work through this checklist to see what action you should take.

Nominating your main residence:
If you have two homes you must nominate one as your main residence for CGT purposes within two tax years. If you do not, you lose the right to choose and the Inland Revenue may decide for you.

Wife's earnings election:
If your combined income for 1987-88 amounted to £26,870 it may be beneficial to elect for the wife's earnings to be taxed separately. A formal election needs to be made by April 5 1989.

Bes investments:
You can make a deduction against your 1988-89 income if the shares are issued by April 5, subject to £5,000 that you may be able to carry back from 1989-90.

Unused pension relief:
If you were self-employed or had non-pensionable earnings for 1987-88, you may be able to make a pension contribution and carry it back. The contribution will normally have to be made by April 5.

Contracting out of Serps:
The Government is encouraging people to opt out of the State Earnings Related Pension scheme by adding a bonus of 2 per cent to their contributions. There is also a one-off chance to opt out by April 5, and backdate the decision to 1987-88. Your contributions for 1987-88 and 1988-89 will form the basis of your first plan.

Personal equity plans:
Pep managers can start to switch to the new rules from April 6, so to take full advantage of the Budget changes, make sure you take out a Pep under the old rules for a maximum of £3,000 before the managers convert to the new rules.

Then invest a further £4,800 for 1989-90 under the new rules – you may want to go to another manager if yours is tardy in switching over to the new system.

Court orders:
Where a maintenance agreement or Court Order was in force before March 15 1989, remember that tax relief under the old rules will still be available, but the amount will be restricted to the payments actually paid during the tax year ending April 5. It may be crucial that all the amounts due for payment in 1988-89 are actually paid.

Unquoted investments:
There is special type of income tax relief for capital losses on the unquoted shares of UK trading companies. You must have subscribed for new shares or received them as a gift from your spouse who subscribed. Provided that you satisfy all these requirements, a capital loss may be set against your income for the year in which you realize the loss, or the next year. Other capital losses can only be set against capital gains.

If you have an unquoted investment which has gone badly, consider selling it before the end of the year to establish the loss. Do not sell to a connected person such as a relative.

Charitable covenants:
Make sure that payments due from you are made before April 6, as you are entitled to higher rate relief for 1988-89 only if the payments are made in this tax year.

Tony Foreman is a taxation partner at Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants

Seager on both sides in trust war


Seager: split-level specialist

Unit and investment trusts are engaged in a marketing war, so it is perhaps a little surprising to find a seasoned unit trust adviser starting an investment trust advice service.

But Mr Kean Seager of Whitechurch Securities of Bristol says he sees no need for a conflict between the two. "It's a case of horses for courses," he says.

Often the participants in the investment versus unit trust debate quote performance figures which average out returns over the whole range of trusts in their fields. According to Mr Seager, this can be misleading, as the investment trust sector is weighted towards British shares while unit trusts have a broader international spread. However, there are good and bad opportunities within each camp.

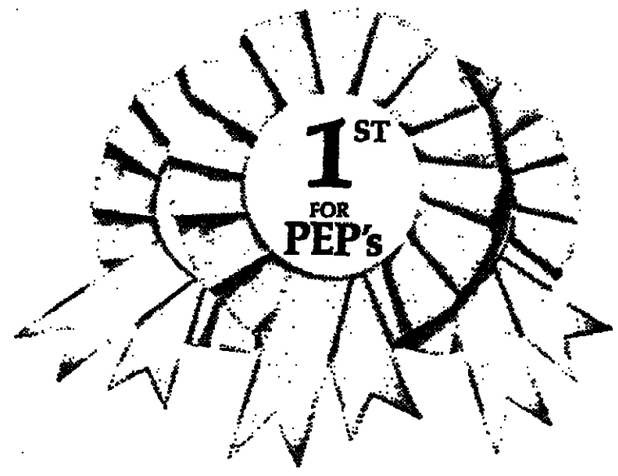
Mr Seager says the decision to offer advice on investment trusts is a natural progression for Whitechurch, but his interest has also been aroused by the development of split-level trusts, and he says he will specialize in these. Whitechurch is charging a one-off 6 per cent on investment trust portfolios and a 1.5 per cent annual fee in addition to dealing costs at 0.3 per cent.

Mr Seager admits the charges are high, but argues that he will construct an investment trust portfolio from as little as £5,000, an amount which would tempt few stockbrokers. And any commissions paid by investment trusts to Whitechurch will be rebated to the client.

Maria Scott

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May 1969, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1970	1,176	857	1,080
1975	2,640	1,112	1,466
1980	10,256	1,729	2,154
1985	27,080	4,947	3,240
22 MAR '89	67,880	8,219	4,122*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics) M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. An investment of £1,000 in M&G Recovery Fund on 22nd March 1984 would have grown to £3,140 by 22nd March 1989 with net income reinvested. *Estimated

FURTHER INFORMATION On 22nd March 1989 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield	Spread
Recovery	654·8p	897·3p	3·95%	5·44%
Dividend	636·1p	2049·9p	4·92%	5·44%
SECOND	1100·5p	2319·8p	3·32%	6·54%

The prices are calculated as at 9.15 am each business day. Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The spread is the difference between the "offered price" (at which you buy units) and the "bid" price (at which you sell). We have a discretion to vary the pricing basis of the units and also the spread within a range, calculated in accordance with statutory regulations. An initial charge of 5½% is included in the offered price. An annual charge of up to 1½% of each fund's value – currently ½% for Recovery and Second General and ¾% for Dividend – plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic rate tax on the following dates:

	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Jan 15 July	15 Feb 15 Aug
Applications required by for next distribution on	16 Jun '89 20 Aug '89	20 May '89 15 July '89	2 Jun '89 15 Aug '89

Higher rate taxpayers will have a further liability to tax. Non-taxpayers can reclaim the tax credit from the Inland Revenue. Capital gains tax 1988-89. An individual's first £5,000 of realised capital gains will be exempt from tax. Gains in excess of £5,000 will be added to the individual's other income and taxed at the rates of tax applicable. Gains arising before 31st March 1982 are not now subject to capital gains tax and gains since 31st March 1982 are subject to indexation relief. You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contracts for sale will be due for settlement by the date shown on the contract note. The Trustee for Dividend and Recovery is Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited and for SECOND is Lloyds Bank Plc. The Funds are all wider-range investments and are authorised under the Financial Services Act 1986.

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Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME: M&G DIVIDEND	INCOME: BUILDING SOCIETY	CAPITAL: M&G DIVIDEND	CAPITAL: BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£1,000	£1,000
1965	£40	£38	1,020	1,000
1970	46	49	1,076	1,000
1975	83	72	1,630	1,000
1980	166	103	2,428	1,000
1985	228	87	6,516	1,000
22 MAR '89	–	–	12,030	1,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax. The Building Society income figures are based on the average rate of a Building Society Share Account (source: Central Statistical Office – Financial Statistics) M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values. £1,000 invested in M&G Dividend Fund income units on 22nd March 1984 would have produced an income of £71 in 1988 and the capital would have grown to £2,321 by 22nd March 1989

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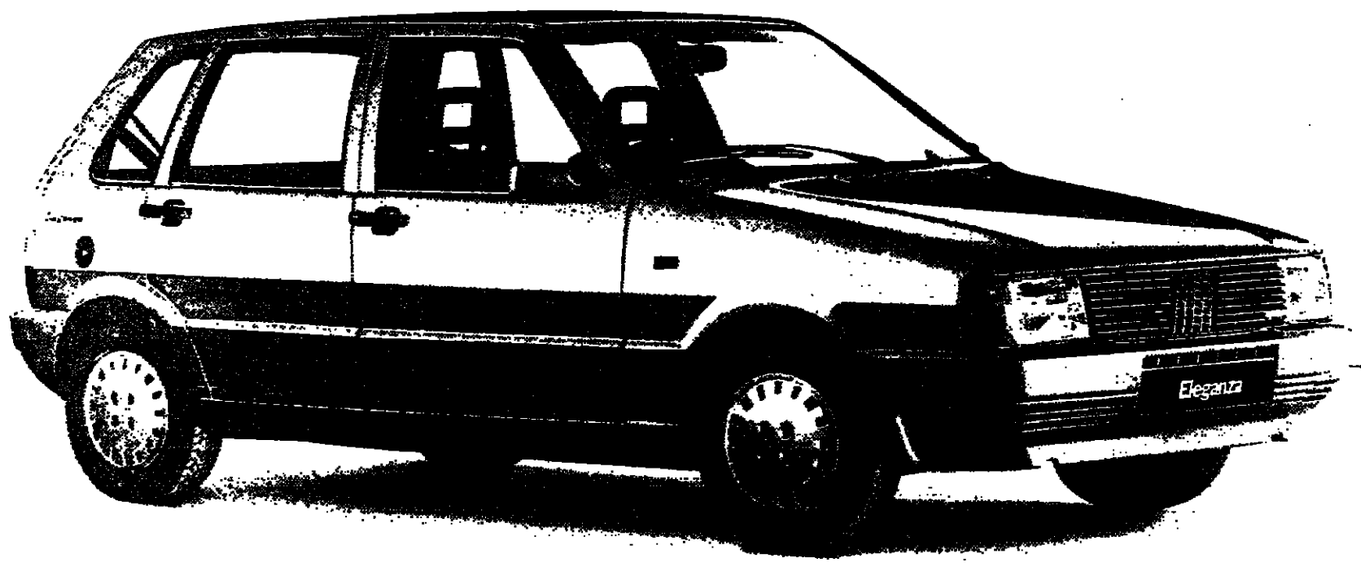
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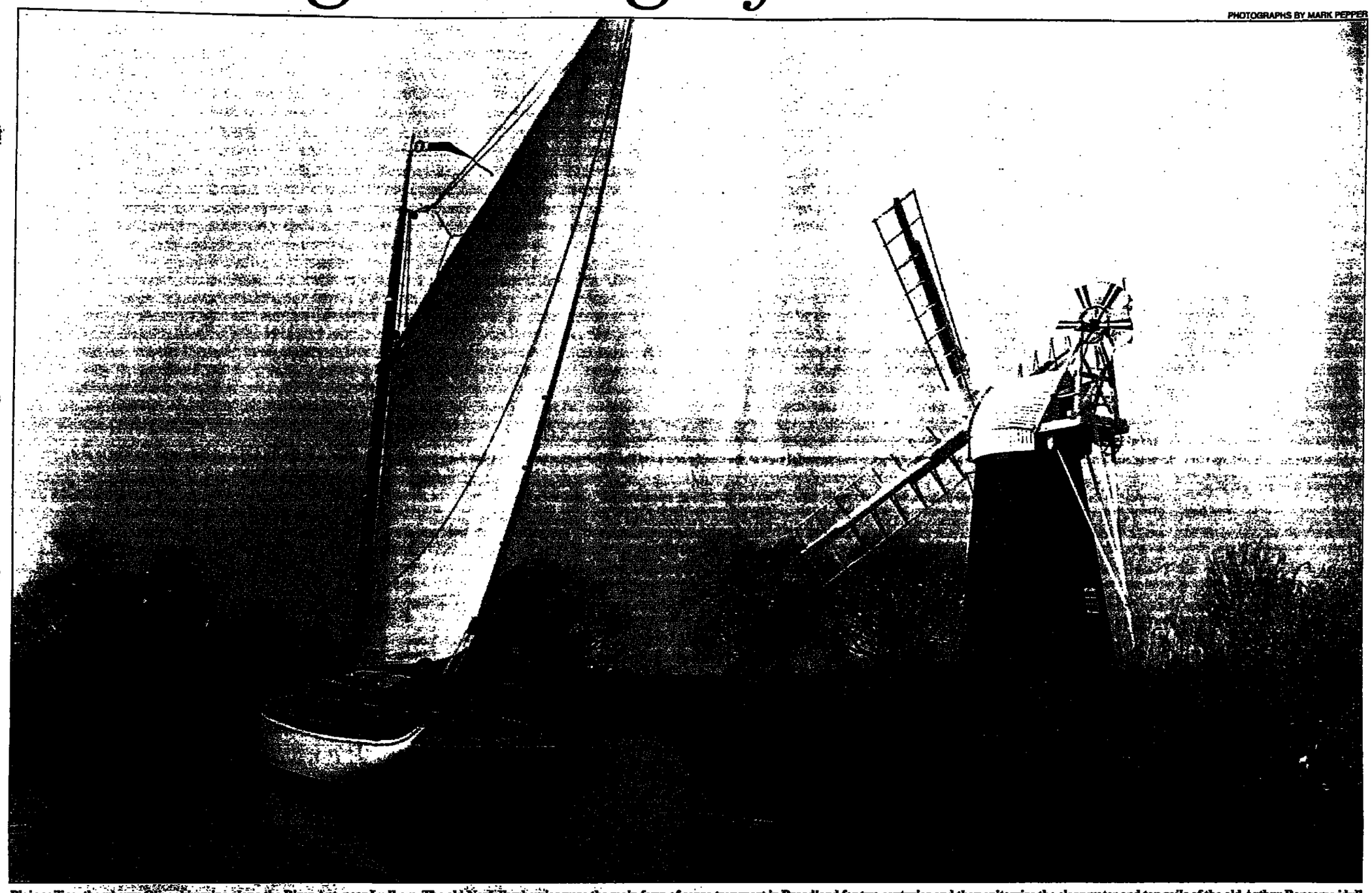
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The greening of the Broads

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARK PEPPER



Plain sailing: the wherry *Olive* skimming along the River Ant, near Ludham. The old Norfolk wherries were the main form of cargo transport in Broadland for two centuries and they epitomize the clear water and tan sails of the old Arthur Ransome idyll

We can all learn from the battle against pollution in the Norfolk Broads, says Libby Purves

A warm wind from the south-west cracks life into the sail of the Norfolk wherry *Olive*, rattling the wooden blocks on deck and sending the heavy boat skimming down the River Bure. At the end of a quiet, reedy reach, the curly half-timbering and Wendy-house thatch of Wroxham comes into view, and I notice with lofty disdain that one of the trim suburban lawns even has a lifelike plastic heron instead of a gnome.

But, disturbed by the shadow of the *Olive's* sail, the heron shakes its leg and turns a crested head to glare back at us. Peter Bower, the skipper, roars with laughter at my surprise. "I'd say it's the plastic herons that are the rare species here. The real ones are all tame." The moment lay at the heart of any experience of the Norfolk Broads: a blend of ancient and modern, natural and contrived, odd reality and damning preconceptions.

About 12 years ago, word began to get about that the Norfolk Broads had been finally ruined: polluted, overcrowded, overdeveloped and vulgarized. The ghetto-blasters blared, tin cans littered the reed-beds, and the marsh harriers and otters had fled. Sewage and chemicals had been flowing unchecked into the quiet lakes formed by medieval peat-diggings, and through the 125 meandering miles of the rivers Bure, Yare and Waveney.

Farmers had assiduously drained the ancient grazing-marshes to produce agricultural land, and the native wildfowl and waterborne life of this fragile region had gradually been degraded in a classic pattern of ecological impoverishment.

Soon there would be only a few fat and commonplace ducks left to scrounge crusts from the crowds of trippers.

The boat-hire companies continued an increasingly frantic overselling of the Broads. In the words of one, now remorseful, hirer: "In the Seventies we advertised it as a sort of cut-price Costa or a waterborne pub-crawl. I think we even tried to persuade them there was nightlife in Horning." Irredeemably hideous motorboats swished far too fast along the quiet rivers, their wash crumbling the fragile banks: the water, once clear and sparkling and fronded with water-plants, became uniformly dark, thick and soupy. Algae, thriving on phosphorus from sewage and nitrate from agriculture, choked everything else.

This was the image of the degraded Broads and much of it was accurate. Older people, remembering the clear water and tan sails of the old Arthur Ransome idyll, were saddened; younger ones shrugged and looked elsewhere for wildernesses. Few people believed in the reversibility of such a 20th-century disaster. Yet two things were happening: first, a persistent and influential lobby for the improvement of the Broads; and second, a slump in the hire-boat trade — a 20 per cent drop in bookings. "There was a year when the boats all seemed to sit in the yards all summer," says Peter Bower of Wroxham. "I reckon the trade began to see that people were just going off the place."

This, together with the increasing outrage of naturalists as rare birds and plants lost ground, created a climate of opinion in which radical change was possible. It has taken 10 years, but on April 1, after much sound and fury, an Act of Parliament comes into force ceding the management and navigation responsibility for the whole area to the Broads Authority: a committee representing district and county councils, naturalists, port and water authorities. It effectively turns the Norfolk Broads into a National Park.

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Peter Bower at the helm: 'People were simply going off the place'

Only its legal and navigational powers are a novelty. The Broads Authority has existed for 10 years, on a largely goodwill basis, after energetic lobbying from the Countryside Commission. In 1978 its incoming chief executive found only "a desk and a telephone". He has held the fragile, awkward position of catalyst and co-ordinator for a decade and now the same man has been re-appointed to head the new, all-powerful authority.

He is Aitken Clark, a quiet 52-year-old Scot who is, in his way, probably as significant to the history of the Broads as any one man will ever be. Until 1978 he had never been there. But after 10 years as a professor of urban and regional planning in South Carolina, and three years in Italy, he came back to Britain and applied because "I wanted a problem-solving job". He certainly got one. The selection committee's first choice had withdrawn because he could not stand the prospect of continuous conflict. It was Clark who accepted.

Looking through the files, and talking to the various Broadland factions, it is clear that having lived abroad for 13 years must have been an immense asset to him. Belonging to no particular class or tendency, as an academic architect and planner he stood benevolently aloof from the squabbling and in-fighting over the Broads.

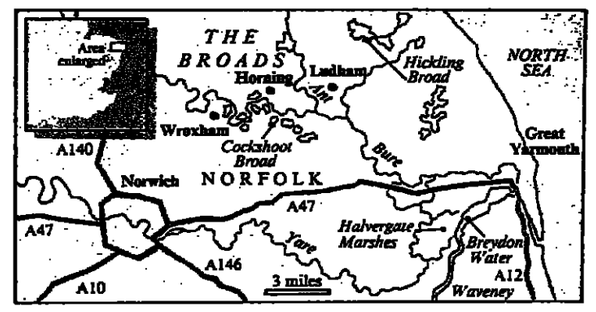
There were factions of extreme naturalists who wanted all the boats banished or restricted in the interests of timid wildlife; yachtsmen baying about ancient rights of navigation; local people who suspected outsiders of wanting to bankrupt their waterside shops and boatyards (an ecology, in its way, as fragile as anything on the riverbank); the Anglian Water Authority, resentful of any interference with its ways; the Port and Haven Commissioners, jealous of their responsibilities; and farmers hell-bent on growing wheat on every available square inch of land, however destructive and poisonous this might be to wild habitats.

The irrationality of the average argument about the Broads is summed up satirically by Dr Brian Moss, reader in Environmental Studies at the University of East Anglia: "They'll tell you at Norfolk dinner-parties that the worst polluters are day-tripper boats, because they're the cheapest. Next worst are the hire boats, which the local residents claim to be the main problem.

"Of course, yachtsmen with sails can do no wrong, and private motorboat owners are considered not to pollute as badly as hired ones. It's a class thing, and poor old Joe Tourist is the source of all evil. Yet all the time, boat pollution is a complete red herring. That has never been the problem, except for a certain amount of bird disturbance and bank erosion. The really serious pollution comes from elsewhere, and you can't see it or solve it so easily."

Clark listened, nodded in his diffident way, promised nothing, and set up a series of committees. "I came back to my first architectural discipline, and set a 'project end'. I roped in all the strongest critics I could find from all directions. Brian Moss was the naturalist who was most suspicious of the new authority, so I got him on a working party. I just told them to ask the questions: 'What is this landscape? How good is it, how bad is this water and where? What can we do?'

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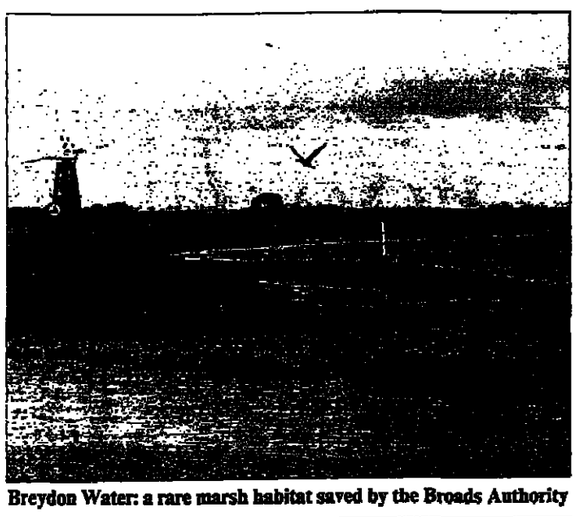
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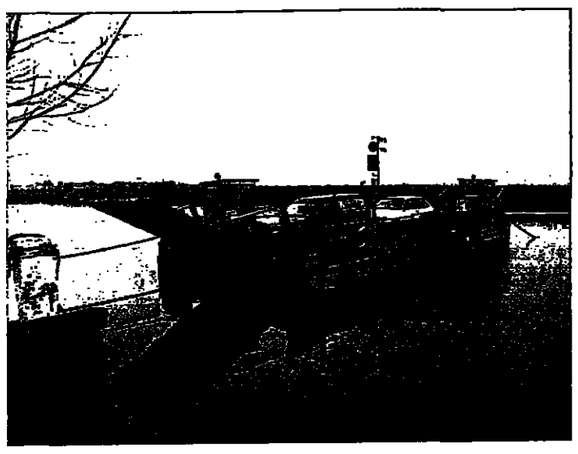
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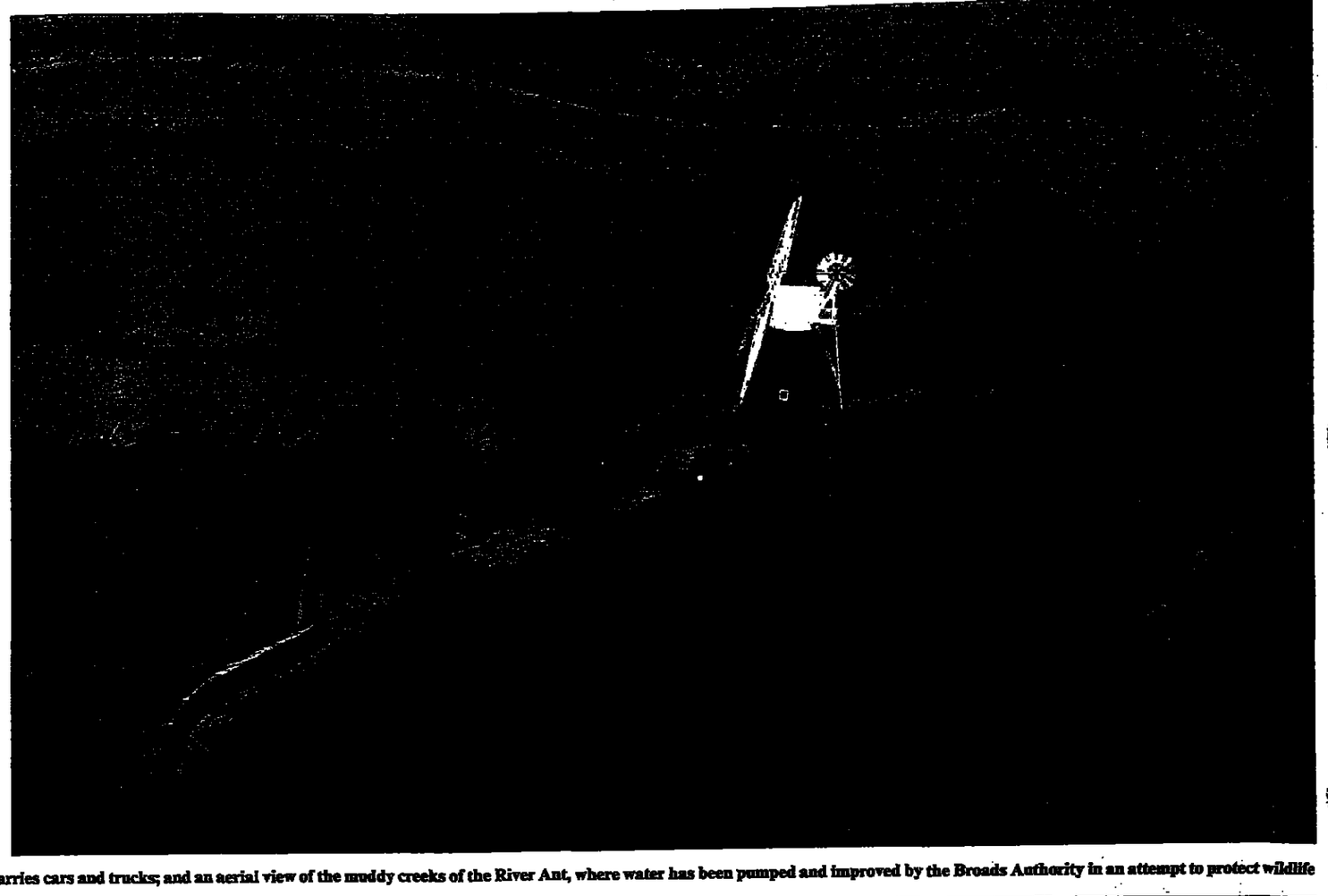
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THE GREENING OF THE BROADS



Breydon Water: a rare marsh habitat saved by the Broads Authority





Across the water: Reedham ferry, the only one left on the Broads, still carries cars and trucks; and an aerial view of the muddy creeks of the River Ant, where water has been pumped and improved by the Broads Authority in an attempt to protect wildlife

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They always had to come back with possible solutions."

Moira Walland, director of the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust, says: "What he did is bang all our heads together." Her affection for the authority is all the more striking because the trust has no representation on its committee, despite arguing fiercely for it. "But we keep on at them, from outside. They're doing marvellously," she says.

The next step for the fledgling authority was to set up demonstration projects. The most distinguished is Cockshoot Broad, an experiment in which the authority blocked off a small privately owned stretch of water, pumped out the polluted mud and allowed the native aquatic plants to regenerate. It has worked, although unwelcome nitrate residues still leach into the Broad from the farming catchment area, and will continue to do so for decades. "It proves that we can do it," says David Brewster, the conservation officer. "The clock may take decades to run down on polluted mud, but we can get there."

Cockshoot nourishes water lilies and green plants, butterflies and birds: visitors can follow walkways and see how the Broads were a century ago, and might be again.

The psychological impact of Cockshoot Broad is incalculable: for relatively little outlay, the Broads Authority can brandish it like a banner. Other individual Broads are being pumped, "phosphate-stripping" plants have already created some improvement in the water of the River Ant, and Moss has evolved a complicated scheme for encouraging water-fleas (which eat the damaging algae) by temporarily removing fish (which eat the water-fleas).

The bittern, the bird which symbolizes Broadland more than any other, is now more firmly established in Lancashire than it is in East Anglia, where its decline is directly related to water pollution. But the marsh harrier has returned, with 31 breeding pairs recorded last year. When the bitterns breed in greater numbers, a significant battle for Broads water quality will have been won.

Aitken Clark says: "Anglian Water was perhaps one of the hard nuts to crack and have a bad press as polluters. But they are taking a number of initiatives, with our encouragement. The idea of water privatization does trouble me, however."

Other projects born out of the working parties also took off. Long before the Government's ESA schemes compensated farmers in environmentally sensitive areas for not ploughing grassland, the Broads Grazing Marsh Conservation Scheme was hammered out. "We found that all this drainage by the big farmers was not necessarily what a number of small farmers really wanted. They wanted to go on putting cattle by the water and being traditional marsh farmers," Clark says. Moderate financial incentives made it possible to preserve rare marsh habitats without conflict.

However, a serious battle raged a few years ago between conservationists and farmers over the proposed draining of the Halvergate Marshes, off Breydon Water. It was perhaps then that the Broads Authority won final reluctant trust from the naturalists' lobby. "We had," says Clark, "all the army of the National Farmers Union against us at full strength, with an outdated cereal growing policy still geared to the war effort. But we would not move one inch and those lovely solemn grazing marshes are now safeguarded."

Moving on rapidly from talk of battles, he drops a diplomatic word of praise for the NFU and says: "We really do not want to be heavy-handed. We are living in good times: public consciousness of natural fragility is strong."

After the banging together of institutional heads and the steady lobbying against chemical pollution, wooing the public is high priority. It is, after all, the public whose boats erode the banks with inconsiderate wash, whose windsurfers crash into the reed-beds at Hickling Broad and have, Walland says sadly, "completely frightened off the goldeneye, a migrating duck. Sails are terrifying to nesting birds". The public also pays indirectly for such luxuries as phosphate-strippers and mud-pumps. So "green tourism" — buzzwords coined by the English Tourist Board and the Nature Conservancy Council in cautious partnership — is seen as essential.

The Broads Authority's pastel leaflet on the Fun In The Broads scheme offers eco-friendly whispering electric boat trips to see wildlife, a Bird Bus, a series of walks starting at 5.30am for the dawn chorus, and an evening out on Carlton Marshes for the stirring activity of Hunt the Bogbean!

Like the authority's subsidy of the three marvellous Norfolk wherries at Wroxham (which do five-day school trips for £26 a head to raise "green tourists" for the future), it is a deliberate policy of distancing the region from that other kind of Broadland fun peddled in the Seventies, involving silly hats and loud radios, and boats getting stuck under Potter Heigham bridge. After the rorty Seventies, it may take time to sink in. It is only two years since I saw a boater throw a beer-can at a moorhen. It is a long conceptual road from there to a proper reverence for the marsh bogbean.

But Clark will not countenance any uppity middle-class attitudes. Erosion is still a problem, so speed restrictions may intensify, and there will certainly be new curbs on insensitive mooring and such inappropriate pastimes as water-skiing. However, he cheerfully acknowledges that the rackety crowds of partying boats at Horning and Wroxham are also a legitimate form of Fun on the Broads. "We must not be patronizing. Perhaps you and I would like everyone to see the Broads as they should be, not surrounded by the urban razzmatazz of holidaymaking, but people have a right to come for what they want."

He has great faith in the "greenability" of all tourists. "They might come here for rowdy fun but suddenly notice something that brings them nearer to our perception of the Broads, and to an understanding of how they could be."

In the meantime, somewhere off the River Ant, the reeds are shivering rhythmically. Hidden from the riverbank, Eric Edwards, the Broads Authority's official marshman, is finishing a record winter's harvest of Norfolk thatching reed. A burly figure in vast rubber waders, brandishing a curiously complicated medieval scythe of elder and boxwood, he grabs and combs out each bundle with the deftness of 22 years experience.

His neat little Japanese reed-cutting tractor stands temporarily idle: a few minutes' cutting by hand in the old way is Edwards's idea of relaxation. Bundling reeds into his standard and refreshingly unmetric unit of "three hand-spans and a bit", he holds forth: "Lovely reed this. Lovely and hard." He brushes the serried wet ends as if he could never grow tired of them: "Straight, clean, lovely. I'd put that on my roof any day. Lovely reed. I could talk about reeds all day."

Primitive, effective tools lie around him in the sloppy marsh. Edwards does not much care who pays his wages, but regards his new employers at the Broads Authority with benevolence. "Aitken, he don't know much about reeds. Nah. None of 'em know about reeds like I do. But I'll say this, they're ready enough to listen to people who do know. I'll say that for them."

Under the wide Norfolk sky, wet-footed in the tall pale-golden forest of feathery reeds, I had a sudden cheerful inkling that given steady, unimpulsive political backing, everything might be all right here after all. The regeneration of the Broads may turn out to be a signpost for our times: of a sinking of differences and a readiness to listen, of scientific persistence, and a gentle harnessing of muddled but sincere public goodwill.

Clark went off to yet another meeting in his bare, white office, and down the watery miles around him, through neat villages and boggy woodlands, on shimmering lakes and muddy creeks, lay an ecology of marshmen and boatmen, water-fleas and brochure designers, bogbean-hunters and ice-cream sellers. It might work.



Aitken Clark: wooing the public

'We would not move one inch and those lovely solemn grazing marshes are now safe'

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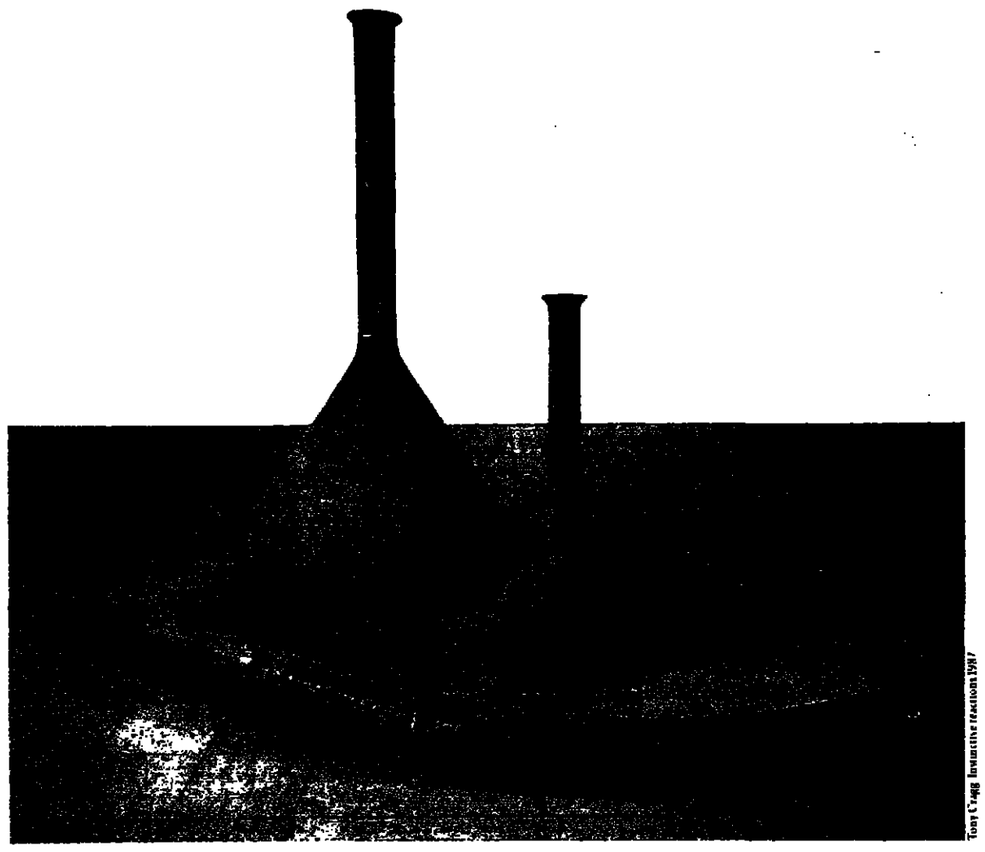
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NIGEL ISKANDER



Playing the game: at work on the car history board in the Patrick Collection motor museum, near Birmingham

On the road again

Conquest, Bullnose, RT1 bus – Simon Tait takes a nostalgic trip

Cars are highly personal objects – witness advertising campaigns built on the proposition that we give them pet names – and motoring has a high nostalgia quotient. So collections tend to be idiosyncratic, to say the least.

The Patrick Collection at King's Norton, outside Birmingham, was opened in 1984 by the West Midlands motor mogul, Alexander Patrick. It was based initially on the family's 1930s "Specials" – sleek aluminium bodies built on standard chassis from Austin, Wolseley and Triumph.

"As time went on we felt that the British motor car was beginning to lose its grip on sales in this country," Patrick says, "so we decided to collect some of the last truly British family motor cars. People say 'Why on earth are you collecting a Mini or a Talbot Alpine or a Ford Cortina?', but these cars are very important."

The exhibits range from a tiny 1930s Atco trainer, little more than a motorized soapbox, to a 1988 Porsche 959, of which only 24 were made. Patrick bought it for £155,000 and was offered £400,000 for it 10 days later. The 80 vehicles on show (of about 250 in the collection) include Gloria Swanson's Daimler Conquest, Richard Attenborough's Daimler V8, Graham Hill's BRM, Nigel Mansell's Lotus, and a De Dion Bouton fire engine. "They're all runners except two," says curator John Ward, "and we're working on those."

The collection is housed in the grounds of a former paper mill Patrick acquired 20 years ago. There is a library, a lecture theatre and a shop, all open this weekend for the first time, and in the summer the mill's 1903 engine house opens as a temporary exhibition hall.

A recent visit to Disneyworld in Florida has influenced developments: he found that courtesy coaches worked, so there are to be two; a one-way traffic flow in the main building will ease congestion; and the shop is to be enlarged.

The National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Hampshire, was also very much the creation of one man, Lord Montagu. It opened in 1952 with five cars in the front hall and a charge of two-and-sixpence. He declared that if they got 100 visitors by the end of the day they would have champagne for dinner; instead, they had champagne for lunch.

The Beaulieu Motor Museum duly became "national", with half a million visitors a year and 310 vehicles. This year it adds a £2.3 million administration and library block with a 230-seat lecture theatre, and a new vehicle store. There are rides in open-topped buses, a trolley ride through historical tableaux, actors recreating scenes from the motor story, and you can drive a 1920s Morris Bullnose.

Curator Michael Ware believes he has the best-thought-out motor museum in the world (he and colleagues have also trodden the Disney path in the planning process).

In 1928, when London Transport were doing an inventory, they found they still had one of the first horse-drawn omnibuses, and decided to preserve it.

In 1980 a new museum for London Transport's burgeoning collection (they pay for the preservation of the objects, the rest of the revenue has to be earned) opened in Covent Garden and this year it, too, has entered a new development phase. The aim, says keeper John Freeborn, is "to intrigue, interest and inform", but an experiment a fortnight ago has added another aspect. Three thousand visitors boarded restored buses brought from other parts of the country on a ride through the West End to Aldwych Underground Station, to ride on brand new experimental tube stock. "It was an opportunity to do things you can't do elsewhere, which is what the museum is about now – the word 'do' is important," Freeborn says.

The event celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first deep-level tube. Another celebration, in August, will give rides on the first Routemaster bus, the RT1, now 50 years old. The museum has bus cabs in which children can work the controls, and even a simulated driver's-seat ride on the Circle Line Underground.

In Hull, where a new transport museum called Streetlife opens in August, in the first phase of a £4 million project by the town's museums service, the vehicles merely provide a back-drop.

The collection was started in the 1920s by Tom Shepherd, who almost single-handed created Hull's museums. "This is not a museum of transport technology," says Dr David Fleming, Hull's principal keeper of museums. "It's a social history museum using the theme of transport as a way of showing the change of life in the city."

The new museum is next to the old Archaeology and Transport Museum in the medieval High Street, and the orignal building is being refurbished to become the Hull and East Riding Museum of Landscape.

The huge project is not expected to be complete until 1993, but phase one opens this summer. "We are taking the vehicles and putting them in a socio-economic context, bringing wider local history collections to create a comprehensible picture. The vehicles will be scattered around the building illustrating separate themes, so you don't find all the horse-drawn buses together."

Tournament of the Mind

THE TIMES TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

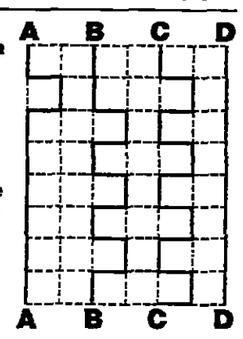
● With 10 rounds completed, *The Times* Tournament of the Mind enters its second half today. Puzzle-solvers taking part will know that the problems are beginning to get a little harder. They should stick with it – the top 100 individuals will go through to the finals, and they are unlikely all to need the maximum score of 1,000 points.

● The Tournament is devised by Mensa. *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and *Collins English Dictionary* are the main sources.

● The prize for *The Times* Mind of 1989 is £5,000, and for the top school, a Hewlett Packard personal computer.

1 DIAGRAMS Score 8

In this diagram the squares represent street blocks. Each street block is 6 squares miles. Van A travels at 21 miles per hour, van B at 30 miles per hour, van C at 35 miles per hour and van D at 17 miles per hour. Assuming they all start at the same time which one will deliver its load first?



MISC. Score 16

1. **What is the next letter in the series? D F G H J K ? (Score 2).**
2. **What is a "German 88"? (Score 4).**
3. **What is a goby? (Score 3).**
4. **Which American suspension bridge (1,280m long) was completed in 1937? (Score 4).**
5. **What is the second largest of the Maltese islands? (Score 3).**

2 VERBAL Score 10

Replace the first letter of each word either side of the brackets with a different letter. The letter should be the same for each word and will form an English word. Repeat this for each of the eight pairs and place the letters in the brackets. You should then be able to read a tasty word downwards. What is that word?

BRIM	( )	FLAN
OTTER	( )	ONION
BOOR	( )	ION
CROWN	( )	VIAL
GRATE	( )	ODES
TONE	( )	CAME
HORSE	( )	FOOD

3 LOGIC Score 8

If the code for BLACK is 23, 7, 22, 24, 6, what is the code for WHITE?

4 MATHS Score 8

A cricketer's average in his first 16 innings was 80 runs. After a further 6 innings his average had increased to 89 runs. What was his average for the last 6 innings only?

ROUND 11 – ANSWERS

Cut out your answers and keep this coupon until Round 20. Answers will be accepted only on coupons printed in *The Times*

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NAME .....

OUTINGS

Eggs, bonnets and a parade

A selection of events around the country over the holiday weekend

INTERNATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION: World's largest specialist model railway exhibition, opened at 11am this morning by the Rev Wilbert Awdry, author of the Thomas the Tank Engine books. Many different layouts, gauges, competition winners and Network South East's full-size replica of the "Networker", the futuristic commuter train scheduled to enter service in the 1990s. RHS Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1. Today until Mar 30. Today until Mon 10.30am-6pm, Tues, Wed 10.30am-8pm, Thurs 10.30am-5pm. Admission today, Mon to Wed, adult £5, child 5-15 £2, Sun and Thur, adult £4, child £1.50.

CRAFTS ON THE FARM: Craft demonstrations and items for sale in various parts of the 1930s working farm. Young farm animals, children's entertainments, free cart rides, morris dancers. Refreshments. Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 54822) today, tomorrow, Mon 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £1, child 50.

EASTER EGG HUNTS: Thousands of small chocolate eggs hidden throughout the grounds with – at Leeds Castle – 50 extra silver eggs and three golden eggs with prizes; and at Littlecote, one golden egg with prize. Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, Kent (0622 65400). Today, tomorrow, Mon 11am-5pm. Egg hunt from 2.30pm. Adult £4.80, child £3.30. Littlecote House, Hungerford, Berkshire (0488 84000). Tomorrow, Mon 10am-5pm, adult £4.50, child £3.50.

EASTER AT THE LONDON TRANSPORT MUSEUM: Working scale models of a 1938 stock red Underground train, plus two new exhibitions. London Transport Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-379 6344). Today until Mar 31, daily 10am-6pm. Last admission 5.15pm. Adult £2.60, child £1.20.

TRADITIONAL FOOD FAIR: Many displays and demonstrations of local and regional produce. Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, Sussex (0243 63348). Tomorrow, Mon 11am-4pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.25.

EASTER AT KNEBWORTH: Re-enactment of battles of the American Civil War. Today an infantry drill demonstration, tomorrow and Mon full skirmishes. Plus an authentic recreation of village life of the period. Knebworth House, Knebworth, Hertfordshire (0438 812661). House and garden open noon-5pm, performances daily from 2.30pm. Admission to park and displays adult/child £1.80.

DEAL BRADERIE: Massive market in the town centre and on the seafront with charity stalls, street entertainers, pop groups, indoor antiques and craft fairs, train displays, hog roast and other refreshments. Deal, Kent, Mon 9.30am-5pm.

THAME EASTER ANTIQUES FAIR: 50 exhibitors selling maps, furniture, prints, paintings, glass, jewellery, ceramics and other items to pre-1930 dateline. Lunches available. Spread Eagle Hotel and Town Hall, Thame, Oxfordshire (084421 3661). Today 10am-5pm. Adult £1, child 50p.

EASTER PARADE: Entertainments from noon lead up to a massive fireworks display at 3pm followed by the traditional parade with marching bands and floats. Battersea Park, London SW11. Tomorrow from noon. Free.

HELP A LONDON CHILD AUCTION: Capital Radio hosts the auction, with many items donated by local traders – including a weekend in Paris, two tickets for the Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr concert, teddy bears and toys, a candlelit dinner for two. East Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today 1-4pm.

EASTER STEAMINGS: Many steam railways will be in full operation over the holiday including Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire (0235 817200) and the Kent and East Sussex Steam Railway, Tenterden, Kent (05806 5700).

EASTER AT MARGAM PARK: Mock battles with over a thousand members of the Sealed Knot Society, archery, tugs of war, craft fairs, refreshments. Margam Park, Port Talbot, (0639 871131). Today, tomorrow, Monday.

MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY: Family day in the Commissioner's House garden with treasure hunt, face painting, Punch and Judy, games and music. Chatham Historic Dockyard, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent (0634 812551). Monday from 2pm. Adult £2.50 child £1.50.

ROSSENDALE FESTIVAL: Try your hand at willow weaving today, stone carving demonstration tomorrow and a circular walk around Haslingden, egg treasure trail for children on Monday plus exhibitions and light refreshments. Groundworks Countryside Centre, Rawtenstall, Rossndale, Lancashire (0706 211421). Today, tomorrow, Monday, admission free.

EASTER ACTIVITIES IN THE ROYAL PALACES: Egg hunts at Hampton Court and Kensington Palace followed by art and craft activities. The Buttery Kitchens, Hampton Court and the Education Centre, Kensington Palace. Monday 10am-noon and 2pm-4pm. Admission to Hampton Court, adult £1.80, child £1.40; to Kensington Palace, adult £2.60, child £1.30. Under-5s free at both. 50p per session.

CANAL DAY AT CAMDEN LOCK: Trips on the Invicta launch, guided walks to the zoo, narrow boats and traditional boat painting, stalls, workshops, films and pirates. Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-485 4457). Monday mid morning onwards, admission free, charge for boat trips.

Judy Froshaug

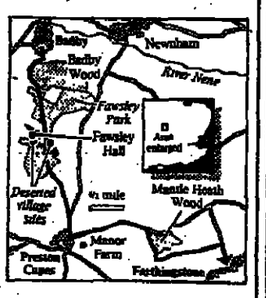
Noble pursuit

WEEKEND WALK

Head for the church isolated in the park, with medieval ridge-and-furrow beneath much of the sheep-cropped turf of the park.

Richard Knightley bought the Manor of Fawsley in 1415, and he and his son began a process of evicting the villagers to replace them with sheep pasture. All that remains of the villages are the earthworks of their houses south of Fawsley Hall and around the church. From the church, containing superb monuments to the Knightley family, head south between the two lakes and climb out of the valley. Cross four fields to meet the road into Preston Capes, an attractive village with an impressive church.

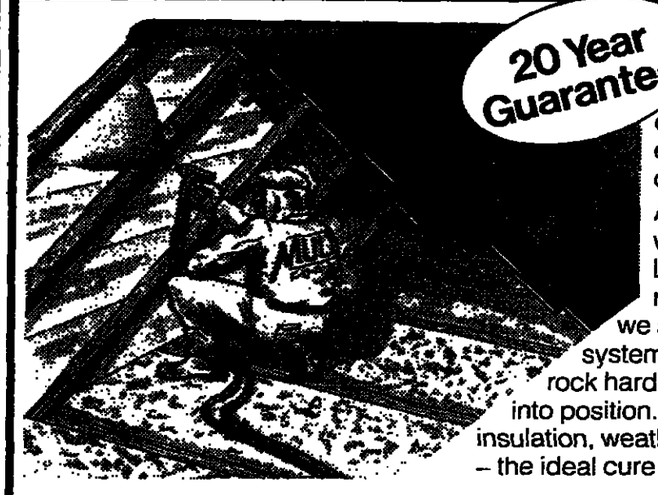
Past Major Farm, head north-east along a path to pick up the road. Follow this for a mile, turning right on to a path at the edge of Mantle's Heath wood. Beyond the wood turn left on to a bridleway that becomes a farm road, and then right into the village of Farthingstone where, if well timed, the pub will be open.



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EATING OUT

Twee's company

Nice place, shame about the dinky bread pots. Jonathan Meades reports

There is no mistaking it, the British disease is gentility. It can be dangerous. Look what happens when it afflicts full-backs. Full-backs are meant to behave like Mark "The Man Not The Ball" Dennis, that is to say they're meant to spit, swear, fight. But occasionally, they are virally infected by gentility or, as we doctors call it, *Morbidus Morningside*.

Take Dennis's Southampton predecessor, Alf Ramsey. Something happened to him between his leaving the Dell in '49 and his succession of Walter Winterbottom as England team manager 13 years later – he transformed himself from Alf into H'Alf and got couth along the way, eventually going so far as to call the 1966 H'Argentinian team "h'animals", thus fomenting the Anglophobia which culminated in the Falklands War.

Now, I doubt that the menu prose at **Jason's Court Restaurant** is likely to have such momentous consequences, but I do reckon that it will prompt punters to tear their hair out, wince at its whimsy, scream at its tweeness. What this place needs is a touch of Mark Dennis. Its h'airs and graces, its h'aspirations to tertiary Morningside, extend, I'm afraid, way beyond such constructions as "parcel of . . ." and "gathering of . . .".

They extend to the (not very good) bread which is served in the dinky little flowerpots it is baked in. They extend to Kilner jars of pickled onions that are not only labelled as being the work of the chef, Shaun Thomson, but are also autographed by him. They extend to glasses big enough to put your head in, to a waiter asking "How do you find the water, sir?", to vegetables served in cutesy little saucepans. Further, the menu is not just pretentious, it is also illiterate: *its* is spelt *it's*, suggesting that it's the work of a signwriter; Chaputier and Dubeouf are spelt thus.

None of this would matter, I guess, were it not for the fact that Jason's Court is potentially a rather good joint. Strip away the handcrafted mantle of gentility and you've got a proper restaurant. It's to be found down an unmapped alley in Marylebone, opposite the north end of St Christopher's Place, close to Marylebone Lane and next to the Svenson Hair Centre on Wigmore Street. Its basement premises once housed an Italian gaff where immemorial Luigis conducted assaults of a different sort. The hangover comprises roughcast walls, arched alcoves, bits of beam.

Chef Thomson, the onion pickler, used to be at the Fitzrovian place called Auntie's. He is a quondam pupil of Anton Mossiman, to whom credit must go not merely as the man who breathed new life into trad English dishes, but also as the teacher and inspirator of a generation of native chefs – he showed them (and his punters) that gastronomy begins at home. Thomson's bread and butter pudding, for instance, is a faithful and delicious lift from Mossiman.

His cooking strikes me as having come on a bit since he left Auntie's. It's not so preciously basic as it was there, and is apparently less constrained by cost. For instance, he now serves "potted livers of maize-fed goose", ie foie gras terrine. Translating this into English is about as pointful and elegant as the vernacular Mass – French is the lingua franca of menus, and to depart from it is sheer affectation. This went unsampled. The first courses that were tasted were, first, sauté of mixed wild mushrooms that had been preserved in different ways – some, perhaps, in brine, others in sherry; alongside them was a pastry sculpture of a tall-stiped mushroom, something of the genus *lepiota* perhaps? Second, haggis. Yes, haggis. This was the first time I've seen it on a London menu. It was excellent, and properly served with mashed potatoes and swedes. The wine waiter kindly suggested it might be improved by having whisky poured on it. It wasn't improved, the kindness killed it. Still, it's good to see someone at last serving one of Britain's finest dishes.

Main courses were a thick chunk of slightly too dry veal with bacon and oysters, sauced with tomato and port; and a big beef rib with, again, a slightly too dry herb crust, and a sauce made with mead. The best of the vegetables was potato, sliced and cooked in stock. As I said, the bread and butter pudding was terrific stuff. And the cheeses were splendid, all English or Irish, all unpasteurized: Spenwood, Cheddar, Cashel Blue and a goat "Brie" called Vedi Gedi.

The wine list is a bit of a problem: it's not that it is avariciously marked up, rather that its bottom rung is too high. If the undoubted enterprise used in compiling it were to be directed towards a few bargains from, say, Australia, then it would be notable. And so, indeed, would the restaurant, were it to present itself in a more down-to-earth manner. Still, it has the most important ingredient, a gifted chef who, despite his debt to his master (or perhaps because of it), is clearly developing into a truly accomplished craftsman. Two will pay about £75, including a decent tip for some decent service.

For all its infuriating failings it is impossible not to acknowledge that Jason's Court has been created with some conviction; it's making up its own rules, is insouciant of the herd. The **Beak Street Restaurant**, on the other hand, gives the appearance of having been created in response to market research. It's so strivingly fashionable that it's no surprise to learn that it is owned by ragtraders. It is apparently waited in by them too; the staff look as though they have been bought wholesale from some fearfully expensive little shop in South Molton Street. They gather in little groups to talk clothes, and the greeter wears a suit that was last seen on Rip Kirby; he also has that shamus's specs and hair cream. The decor adheres to a sort of astrological theme: there are murals and anti-macassars (necessary, I suppose, if the punters too go for the Rip Kirby look). The walls are a dusty eau-de-Nil, the lights are vaguely 1950s, in what was called the "contemporary" style. You don't have to be a fashion victim to eat here, but it helps. The night I was there my fellow diners included not one, but two pop groups and their *vivandières*.

The cocktail list includes all the most fashionable flavoured vodkas, all the most fashionable imported beers. The bar, however, is run by someone who has as much idea of how to mix a dry martini as I have of how to play a Fender Stratocaster. The wine list appears to have been composed by someone who has wandered round a few supermarkets – still, the wines are reasonably priced and some of them, including a Bandol, are unexceptionable.

The cooking is, perhaps, not the main point in a place like this. It isn't duff, but it is rather directionless. A couple of first course salads, one of (tiny) scallops, the other of gravadlax, were both accompanied by enough lettuce to feed several warrens of fashionable rabbits. And rabbits don't have dressing on their salads. Main courses comprised pretty good calf liver with bacon and onions, and monkfish with tomato and (it said) coriander – this arrived stone cold, and had to go back for reheating. A "grand selection" of sweets was impressive – there were notably good chocolate mousses and the lemon tart was well made. Two will pay about £60 in the evening and quite a lot less at lunchtime, when the menu includes such things as bubble and squeak – which is entirely appropriate in a restaurant on the site of a former taverna.

NIGEL PARRY



All his own work: chef Shaun Thomson at Jason's Court signs another original example of kitchen pickling art

JASON'S COURT RESTAURANT
★★★★★
Jason's Court, off Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-224 2992)
£75, major cards. Lunch Mon to Fri, dinner Mon to Sat.

BEAK STREET RESTAURANT
★★★
41 Beak Street, London W1 (01-734 0316)
£60, major cards. Lunch and dinner, Mon to Sat (and open all day for snacks).

DIRECTORY

This is a changing selection of restaurants visited in recent months – managements and standards may have changed. Stars – up to a maximum of 10 – are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Dishes described are included to give an indication of the cooking but may well have changed. Prices quoted are for a three-course meal with drinks for two, and are determined according to the "When in Rome" principle: in the case of French places, aperitifs and a bottle of modest wine; tea in the case of oriental ones; beer or lassi in the case of Indian ones and so on. JM.

ABOVE AVERAGE

The Oak Room
Le Meridien, 19-21 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 8000)
★★★★★★★
Fabulously opulent Edwardian baroque dining room with brilliant French cooking by David Chambers – feuilleté of turbot and salmon with lobster sauce, sea bass with a mousse of foie gras and salmon, beef with lactarius mushrooms and spinach. There are rarely mistakes of either taste or technique, but portions tend to the miserly and mark-ups on the impressive wines are greedy. £120.

Bibendum
Michelin House, 81 Fulham Road, London SW3 (01-581 5817)
★★★★★★★
Elegant and fashionable restaurant which raises the bistro and brasserie dishes of the day before yesterday to heights they never scaled then. Some of Simon Hopkinson's sauces err on the side of over-emphasis but the majority of the classic dishes are spot on: tête de veau, oeufs en meurette, fine steaks, beef daube, tarte fine aux pommes. Overpriced but undeniably impressive wines. £100.

Jacques
130 Blackstock Road, London N4 (01-359 3410)
★★★★★★
Looks like a junk shop but is in fact a serious, very French restaurant whose cooking is simple, sophisticated and painstaking. The eponymous host, who is famous for being himself, has accumulated an impressive cellar. £70.

Vioche
54 Camberwell Church Street, London SE5 (01-701 7621)
★★★★★★
Very French bistro frequented by very French punters. The cooking is altogether good and generally south-western – duck confit, cassoulet, that sort of thing. The portions are massive and the staff are unusually welcoming. Indifferent young wines, non-stop chanson. £50.

Wilson's
236 Blythe Road, London W14 (01-603 7267)
★★★★★★
Austerely decorated little neighbourhood restaurant whose Anglo-French cooking is of a standard associable with much more elevated joints. The dishes certainly do not sound that promising and certain of the combinations – pike with goat cheese sauce, goose breast with quince jam – suggest a desperate scrabbling for novelty. But they, and many like them, work astonishingly well. Much improved wine list, friendly service. £45.

Burton's
7a The Green, Ealing, London W5 (01-840 3297)
★★★★★★
This first-floor dining room, approached through a flowery courtyard, belongs more to Middlesex than it does to the capital – it is a bit tea-shoppe in style. The kitchen, though, is a good one. Dishes such as venison with onion marmalade, smoked haddock mousse, duck with blackcurrant and fabulous chocolate sweets are all delicious. £58.

Garden Restaurant
Gatwick Hilton, Gatwick Airport, West Sussex (0293 518080)
★★★★★★
Astonishing. A Hilton hotel in the middle of an airport with a serious restaurant. The cooking is highly accomplished – fresh thin noodles with sweetbreads, chicken and basil; outstanding grouse with celeriac purée; marvellously pungent Burgundian cheeses. Interesting wine. Competent and friendly service. £70.

FISH

Jade Restaurant
109a Exeter Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire (0722 333355)
★★
Cantonese fish establishment whose simpler dishes are preferable to those which involve greasy batter. Steamed mussels, oysters and scallops are all worth trying. £40.

La Bouillabaisse
116 Finborough Road, London SW10 (01-370 4183)
★★★
Fishily ornamented basement which serves a rather unimpressive version of the eponymous dish at a high price. The rest of the mainly piscine cooking is rather better and the cheeses and patisserie are sound. £77.

PIZZAS

Pizzeria Castello
20 Walworth Road, London SE1 (01-703 2556)
★★★★★★
The best pizzas in London by a long way. Big restaurant, ranks of pizza ovens by the door, utilitarian décor, fantastic bustle as though this was Naples itself. The prices are very low for cooking of such excellence. Drink Colle Secco. The pasta dishes are perfectly OK but do not match the main business of the place. £20.

Pizzeria Condotti
4 Mill Street, London W1 (01-499 1308)
★★
Bustling smart place hung with indifferent 1970s prints. Well made pizza. Drink Peroni beer or champagne, there is little between to bother with. With the latter £42.

RESTAURANT GUIDE

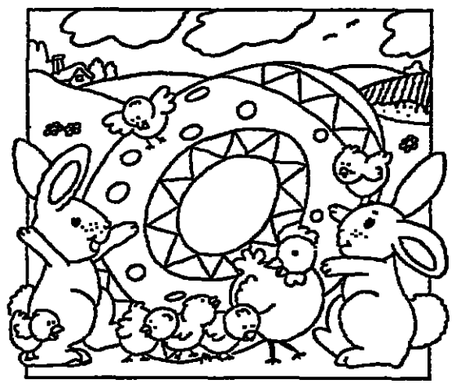
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DRINK

Big, beefy blockbuster

Jane MacQuitty favours a red Easter – beginning with Australia's finest

With Easter falling so early this year, polishing off the last of the winter reds this weekend appeals more than cracking open the first of the spring whites. And as it's a holiday, I shall spoil myself with a bottle of what the wine world generally acknowledges as Australia's finest red wine: Penfold's *Grange Hermitage*.

1981 Grange is on sale today at 75 branches of Threshers for £24.95, not extortionate given that La Vigneronne is selling the same vintage for £29.50.

This extraordinary wine has an extraordinary history. Grange was devised by Max Schubert, one of the great men in Australia's wine history, who, after a visit to Bordeaux in 1950, modelled his new wine as closely as he could on the production methods of the first-division clarets he had tasted in France. Australia, in those days, had few Cabernet Sauvignon plantings, so Schubert had to use the ubiquitous Shiraz, or Syrah grape. But he selected the best Shiraz fruit he could find, from first-class vineyards close to Adelaide.

His aim was to make the biggest, beefiest, most concentrated red wine possible, and to age it in small, new oak casks, a practice he had first seen in France, but which was unheard of at that time in Australia. The end result was an astonishingly intense, rich, burnt, port-like mouthful, with overtones of leather, herbs, creosote and tar, backed up by an enormous thwack of luscious, blackberry and blackcurrant-like fruit. Once tasted, Grange's unmistakable character is never forgotten.

Penfold's was embarrassed by the cool reception that the early vintages of Grange received, and told Schubert to stop making the wine; but he continued to produce Grange secretly. Today's Grange has become lighter and more approachable in style, although this was hotly disputed in Ausralia in December by John Duval, Penfold's talented chief winemaker, who said it was nothing more than "seasonal variation". Suffice it to say that Grange '81, with its opaque, purply-red colour and rich, truffley, cassis scent, leading on to a hefty, burnt, cedary palate, is definitely worth experiencing.

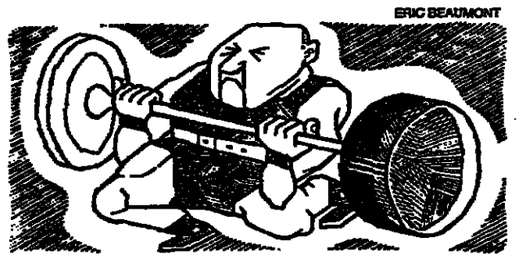
Lamb is the traditional Easter Sunday dish, and Beaujolais is its traditional partner, but it is drinking so deliciously now that I would ignore the purists and buy a bottle or two for the Easter weekend. While you are at Oddbins, pick up some more of that discounted £8.99 Bricout Carte Noire champagne that I recommended last week; it's about to go up to £10.75.

If you are looking for top quality vintage, rather than non-vintage, champagne, given that 15 per cent increases are likely soon, Corney and Barrow, the Queen's wine merchant, at 12 Helmet Row, London, EC1, has limited cases-only stocks of Delamotte's glorious 1982 vintage champagne, whose flowery peppery scent and intense, elegant, flowery palate is given away at £175 a case (£14.55 a bottle). So far, Corney is the only stockist I know of this sensational stuff, produced by Delamotte Père et Fils, which sounds like a small champagne house but is actually part of the large Nonancourt family empire, whose other interests in champagne include Laurent Perrier and Salon Le Mesnil. This offer closes on March 31.

Talking of offers, one not worth switching the Boat Race off for is the *Sunday Times* Wine Club's latest. Having tasted more club horrors than delights over the past decade, I should be immune by now to their ultra-appetizing tasting notes and smooth sales talk. But no, every time I read one of their glowing communications I rush to the phone. The club's March wine list featuring "eight unique French wines" from the "flying winemakers" illustrates my stupidity perfectly. I first heard about this enterprise from wine man Dr Tony Jordan in Australia last December; he had organized a group of Antipodean winemakers to fly to south west France to vinify the 1988 French harvest. Jordan's top-notch reputation, plus those of his flying winemakers, Australian Martin Shaw and John Belsham from New Zealand, convinced me that this offer could not be missed.

Having just tasted the eight wines, I can assure you that this is no dual Franco-Australian celebration, as I had hoped, but merely an acceptable but not especially exciting collection of young, well-made, squeaky clean white, red or rosé southern French wines. It is intriguing to speculate how different they would have been without the Antipodean input; I am sure they would have been rather more rustic and less hi-tech in style, *but* they might have had more flavour. New technology is fine when it allows the original fruit to shine out, unmasked by faulty fermentation aromas and the like, but not when it streamlines it to distinction. Still, those who want to see what all the fuss is about should order the £49.95 Sampler Case from the *Sunday Times* Wine Club, New Aquitaine House, Paddock Road, Reading 0734 472288. In it are two bottles each of a neutral, lemony Chardonnay, a tart herbaceous Cabernet Sauvignon, a zesty Syrah, and a straightforward peachy Semillon, plus a bottle each of four other wines. For the same £4.16 a bottle that these sample case wines cost, you can purchase finer, more flavoursome wines either from elsewhere in France or Australia. If you would like to taste these wines, but don't want to buy the case, why not attend the club's event at 7.30pm on March 31 at the Swan Hotel in Streatley-on-Thames? All 12 wines will be available for tasting, sopped up by a finger buffet. Tickets are £30 each; order them direct from the club.

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WINE BUYS

● **1987 Cloudy Bay Chardonnay** £9.99, Threshers. Wine makers David Hohnen and Kevin Judd continue their successful Antipodean partnership with this splendid Chardonnay, whose pale, greeny-gold colour, and elegant, fresh, ripe, buttery-zesty scent and taste make it one of the finest New Zealand Chardonnays around.
● **1986 Mount Horrocks Cabernet-Merlot** £7.25, Fulham Road Wine Centre, 899-901 Fulham Road, London SW6. This stylish, minty-cassis mouthful has a luscious, blackcurrant pastille-like palate, and, as the centre points out, is deceptively easy to drink.
● **Sainsbury's Pale Dry Manzanilla** £1.75, Sainsbury's. Half-bottles of this splendid, fresh, pungent, flowery sherry are back in stock again after a year's gap. Buy some.

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THE TIMES COOK

Wet, flat and smoked

Support your local fishmonger, Frances Bissell urges

Karin Perry spent two years searching through England, Scotland and Wales for good fishmongers where helpful and knowledgeable service is combined with a fresh and varied selection of fish. The fishmonger is a species in decline, but the results of Perry's research are published this week in *The Fish Book*, and fortunately she has found some notable survivors. The book, with each chapter devoted to a different region, is a snapshot of the fish trade in Britain today. We learn why the Lincolnshire port of Boston is no longer a major fishing port, and hear about some of the many absurdities surrounding the fish trade – for example, why it is easier for a Birmingham fishmonger to get supplies of samphire from Rungis, in Paris, than from Norfolk; why lorries with huge fish tanks from France and Spain queue up as the boats are unloaded to buy up our catches of prime flat fish and exquisite shellfish.

For too long, she warns, we have regarded fish as a cheap food, or even worse, as a cheap alternative to meat. And she is right. I recently heard someone on the radio saying that if it had been a good week, he could have steak and chips, but if it was a bad week for sales, he would be reduced to fish and chips.

Let us hope it is not too late. Start supporting your local fishmonger. And if you move to a different part of the country, consult Perry's book. Or take it with you on your travels in Britain so that you can hunt out Cornish brill and Yarmouth bloaters, and find the fishmongers who smoke their own fish without dyes.

The Fish Book is also a rich source of fish recipes, from the simple to the more elaborate, from those using the familiar plaice and cod to those using fish flown in from the Seychelles, and the less familiar fish from our own waters which make excellent and inexpensive dishes. This is the only book I know which describes in detail how to make and preserve salmon eggs like caviare.

The first two recipes are from her book. I am sure, however, that she would not mind my suggesting that if you cannot get Jerusalem artichokes for the first recipe, new potatoes would also be delicious. The earthy flavour of artichokes seems to marry well with shellfish. If possible, serve the salad while the artichokes are still slightly warm.



Mussel and Jerusalem artichoke salad
(Serves 4)

- 2lb/1kg mussels, cleaned
- ¾-1lb/350-450g Jerusalem artichokes
- 2-3 shallots, finely chopped
- 8fl oz/250ml white wine
- 4 tbsp olive oil or 2 tbsp each olive oil and sunflower oil
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- pepper
- mixture of salad leaves
- chopped parsley

Scrub the artichokes and boil them in their skins. When they are tender, drain, peel and cut them into slices. Put the cleaned mussels into a pan with the shallots and white wine and cook them over a high heat until they open. Remove the mussels and take them out of their shells. Set aside with a spoonful of the cooking juices to prevent them drying out. Strain the rest of the juices through muslin into a clean saucepan and reduce rapidly until only three tablespoons of liquid remain. Lower the heat and whisk in the oil so that it becomes emulsified. Add the lemon juice and pepper. Arrange the salad leaves, sliced artichokes and mussels on individual plates and spoon the warm dressing over the top. Sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Goujons of huss with red pepper sauce
(Serves 4)

- 1¼lb/600g huss, filleted
- wholemeal flour
- clarified butter or olive oil
- black olives to garnish (optional)

For the sauce

- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 medium red peppers
- 1 tbsp tomato concentrate
- small sprig of thyme
- 1 tbsp wine vinegar
- 8fl oz/250ml fish or chicken stock or water
- salt and pepper

First prepare the red pepper sauce. Sweat the shallots and garlic in oil, then add the roughly chopped peppers together with the rest of the ingredients. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until the peppers are soft. Reduce if it seems too liquid. Season to taste. I find that if I grill the peppers before cooking to remove the skin, allowing the flesh to become a little charred, their flavour is improved.

Dogfish is the name applied to a number of different families and species of small sharks. They are usually sold commercially as huss, flake or rigg, also rock eel or rock salmon. Normally these fish are headed and skinned at the port of landing, so it is not easy to identify them on the fishmonger's slab, but there are several species commonly caught in British waters.

Cut the fish into fingers and roll in seasoned wholemeal flour. Fry in clarified butter or olive oil until golden. Garnish with stoned and sliced black olives, if you like, and serve with rice and crisp green vegetables.

Like Perry, I could happily cook and serve two or three fish courses in one meal, but not everyone shares this passion. Nor does everyone have access to good wet fish shops.

Here is a very good roast recipe. It requires time spent on it in preparation, but once it is in the oven, it needs little attention. Breast of lamb can be substituted for the veal, but it is fattier and needs more trimming. If you cannot get sweetbreads, use veal or lamb's kidney, neither of which need blanching, but the fatty core should be removed. Order the meat in advance, boned and trimmed, and ask for the bones.

Roast breast of veal stuffed with sweetbreads and herbs
(Serves 6)

- ¾lb/340g calves sweetbreads
- 2½lb/1.1kg breast of veal
- salt
- pepper
- 1 lemon
- ¼lb/110g fresh spinach leaves
- 2oz/60g fresh parsley
- handful fresh sorrel *or* 4 lettuce leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1oz/30g softened butter
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon leaves
- veal bones
- 1 carrot
- 1 onion
- 1 celery stalk
- ½pt/280ml white wine

Soak the sweetbreads in cold water for an hour or two. Open out the boned breast of veal, and trim off any excess fat and gristle. Season lightly with the salt and pepper and finely grate lemon zest over the meat. Cover loosely and put to one side in a cool place while you prepare the stuffing.

Strip the spinach, parsley, sorrel or lettuce leaves from their stems and place in a large colander. Pour enough boiling water over the leaves to blanch them, then drain them and put them in a bowl of ice-cold water for 30 seconds. Drain again and dry the leaves thoroughly by rolling them in a clean teatowel. Chop them roughly and mix with the garlic, butter and tarragon, and a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spread this over the breast of veal, cover loosely, and put to one side while you prepare the sweetbreads.

Remove any gristle and the membrane. Put in a saucepan, cover with cold water, add ¼ teaspoon salt and bring slowly to the boil. Hold at simmering point for three minutes, and then drain and rinse the sweetbreads under plenty of cold running water. When cool enough to handle, lay them down the centre of the veal breast, roll up the meat and tie it at 1in/2.5cm intervals. Put the veal bones in a roasting tin together with the vegetables and place the veal roll on top. Moisten with four to five tablespoons of white wine. Roast at 150-170°C/300-325°F, gas mark 2-3, for 3 to 3½ hours, moistening it from time to time with a little more white wine or water. Remove the meat from the oven, and let it rest in a warm place for 10 to 15 minutes before slicing. Pour off the cooking juices to make a gravy.

Dried figs poached in jasmine tea
(Serves 4)

- 12-16 dried figs
- 1½pt/850ml jasmine tea
- 2 bay leaves
- honey or sugar (optional)
- 3½fl oz/100ml double cream

Put the figs in a sieve, and pour boiling water over them to remove any oil or preserving spray. Poach them gently until tender in the jasmine tea, together with the bay leaves. Remove them from the syrup with a slotted spoon, and put them to one side. Reduce the liquid to about ½pt/200ml, sweetened if you think it needs it, and reboil until syrupy. Pour off half into a jug, and with the remaining syrup boiling vigorously, stir in the double cream, and cook it until slightly thickened. Served the figs, still warm, on individual serving plates with the clear syrup to one side and the cream sauce to the other.

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COLLECTING

More strings to their bow

Jenny Gilbert examines the boom in violins as the dealers arrive in London

In the well-heeled environs of Bond Street and St James's, the sight of large numbers of foreign gentlemen in raincoats is common enough. That this week many of them are carrying violin cases should be no cause for alarm: the fiddle-trading season has arrived.

Phillips has just brought down the hammer on 300 lots of instruments and bows; at the end of the month, Sotheby's and Christie's will, between them, dispatch several hundred more, including a couple of first-class specimens which may pip the half-million pound mark, a precedent set last year at Sotheby's when a Guarneri violin, made in Cremona in 1743, sold for a cool £572,000.

Our auction houses offer the only regular specialist instrument sales in the world. Hence the influx, three times a year, of dealers from the Continent, America and, more recently and significantly, Korea and Japan, where the more talented and persevering of students taught by the Suzuki method on cheap Japanese instruments are now clamouring for better, preferably antique, European models. Learning to play the fiddle has never been more popular; collecting, for recreation or investment or both, is growing: prices across the range are spiralling.

> *'He made 1,000 bows, of which 3,000 are in America'*

"It started with a bump in 1971," recalls Graham Wells, the head of instruments at Sotheby's. "In '69 the record for a Strad was £22,000, and only two years later we sold the famous 1721 Lady Blunt Stradivarius for £84,000." In a normal week Wells and his colleagues can expect to be presented with between 50 and 60 violins for valuation which bear the legend "Stradivarius" on the label stuck inside. It is a task which rarely excites him. "I spot them as they come through the door. German factories churned out tens of thousands of these from 1830 to the end of the century. Faces drop when I tell people their heirloom might fetch a couple of hundred pounds."

The buying and selling of violins has been riddled with such "confusions" since the 17th century, and although outright fraud reached its peak in the 19th century, the practices continue: original labels are swapped around; fingerboards or tailpieces are doctored, or replaced by "better" ones; modern instruments can be "antiqued" with frightening skill, simulating the subtle patterns of wear acquired by 200 years of use.

If the value of a fiddle were determined purely by the sound it produced, none of this would matter. But since no two players would ever agree (what's honey-toned to one ear is muddy to another), violins tend to be treated as works of art. The form and finish, the quality of craftsmanship, are what counts, and authenticity is paramount.

Wells and his team spend every working day engaged in the most exacting detective work. With the work of literally thousands of makers in circulation, and pitifully few books of reference on the subject, the task is Herculean. Malcolm Sadler, for one, prefers to cast his own eyeglass over all the salerooms' offerings, as he has done for more than 40 years. His shop, Ealing Strings, is a west London mecca for fiddle enthusiasts, with violins on sale from £600 up to £150,000.

"Never speculate," he insists as a first principle; "don't look for bargains, and do take advice. There are countless fiddles of no known origin on the market. People get excited, think they've found something special, but it always turns out to be junk."

His current tip is to look for good modern instruments. "Antonio Capella makes quality Italian instruments and at £3,000-4,000 you can't go wrong. They'll always be sought after, and when he dies, the value will rocket. The same goes for William Lough, one of our finest English makers."

Bows are a simpler proposition. Apart from the joy of their slender beauty and often rich materials (gold, silver, mother-of-pearl, tortoiseshell or ivory), they need be kept in no special conditions – even the bottom of a drawer will do.

The best fiddles came from Italy, the best classical bows from France. (Makers always specialized in one or the other; the two rarely appear as a set.) "Eugene Sartory is the great name to look out for in bows," says Sadler, "but again beware: people say he made 1,000 bows, of which 3,000 are in America. Even in his lifetime people made copies stamped 'Sartory'. He got a reputation for going round breaking them over his knee."

Even violins and bows which come to sale with certificates of authentication have been proved to be fakes. In the trade, both dealers and salerooms will compensate the purchaser of a fake. Modest collectors would do well to narrow the field, Sadler says. He suggests specializing in, say, all 19th-century English makers, or the Germans, whose reputation has been unjustly tarnished by the factory-made jobs.

CHESS

Fiercely fought to a draw

Usually the games which appear in this column have a decisive result, one way or the other. Drawn games suffer from a bad press. Indeed, contentless agreements to split the point are certainly not worthy of publication. It would be wrong, though, to assume that no drawn games are interesting. A well-fought draw can be every bit as stirring as a win. Take, for example, the following fierce battle between Britain's highest-rated player and the 17-year-old who is tipped by many experts to be his successor. The advantage appears to swing back and forth, though in reality, the positions are probably more or less in equilibrium the whole time. It takes, however, play of an extremely high order on both sides to demonstrate this.

White: Nigel Short; Black: Michael Adams. James Capel Speed Chess Challenge, London 1989.
Caro-Kann Defence.

1 e4	c6	2 d4	d5
3 Nc3	dxe4	4 Nxe4	Nd7
5 Bc4	Ngf6	6 Ng5	e6
7 Qe2	Nb6	8 Bb3	h6

Black cannot play the tempting 8 ... Qxd4 on account of 9 Ng1f3 Qd8 10 Ne5 with an attack against f7 which cannot be parried.

9 Nf3	c5	10 c3	cxd4

A premature capture which facilitates White's development. Correct is 10 ... Qc7.

11 Nxd4	Be7	12 Ngf3	0-0
13 0-0	Bd7	14 Ne5	Ba4

Due to the impressive mobilization of White's forces, Black is already skating on very thin ice. Thus, Short could now have tried 15 Nxe6 fxe6 16 Bxe6+ Kh8 17 Ng6+ Kh7 18 Nxe7 Qxe7 19 Bf5+ when Black is lost. Fortunately for Adams, though, Black has the superior 16 ... Kh7 at his disposal, when White has no clear continuation of his attack.

15 Bf4	Qc8	16 Ng6	Re8

Of course, 16 ... fxg6 would fail miserably to 17 Bxe6+ winning Black's Queen.

17 Nxe7+	Rxe7	18 Ne5	Rd7

Not 18 ... exf5 19 Qxe7 with decisive gain of material.

19 Bxa4	Nxa4	20 Nxg7	Kxg7

White has sacrificed a piece not only to shatter the Black King's wing, but also to expose the Black Knight which has been lured to a4. White's next move, pinning the Black Knight on f6, makes both these motifs clear.

21 Be5	Qc6	22 Qg4+	Kh7

Black has been unable to save his extra piece, indeed, he has now lost a pawn and his King's fortifications appear smashed. Most onlookers believed that Black was lost, but now the talented teenager from Truro whips up a ferocious counterattack in the open "g" file.

23 Bxf6	Rg8	24 Qh3	Nxb2
25 Bd4	Rg5	26 f4	f5
27 Rf3	Qe4	28 Re3	Qxf4

In order to beat off Black's pressure, White has been obliged to jettison his f4 pawn.

29 Ree1	Qd6	30 Rxe6	Rxe6

After the game Short pointed out that his sacrifice of the Rook on move 30 was the only way to keep his chances alive.

31 Qxf5+	Rg6	32 h4	Re7

Black has to prevent 35 Qh8 mate

35 Rxb2	Rg8	36 Qf3	b6
37 h5	Rg5	38 Rf2	

A better chance might have been 38 Re2.

38 ...	Re8

Sensibly seizing the important open file.

39 Qd3+	Kg8	40 Rf6	Re6
41 Qe4	Rd5	42 Rg6+	Rxg6
43 hxg6	b5	44 Qb3	Qe5
45 Qb1	Rg5		

Black should, perhaps, have tried 45 ... Qe2.

46 g7	a5		

If now 46 ... Qe2 47 Qb3+ Qc4 48 Qd1 averts Black's counterattack against g2.

47 Qf1	Qe7	48 Qf2	Rxg7

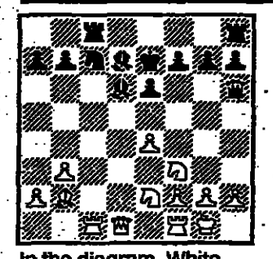
Realistically, Black has no way of exploiting his advantage of Rook against Bishop given White's towering compensation in the form of the passed pawn on g7. Adams, therefore, liquidates to a drawn Queen and Pawn endgame.

49 Bxg7	Kxg7	50 Qg3+	Kh7

Draw agreed. An absolutely splendid example of mental cut and thrust, which does honour to both sides.

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE



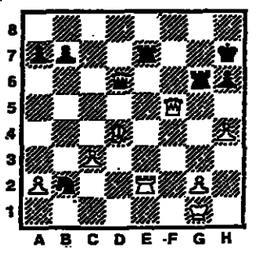
In the diagram, White can win swiftly. What is White's winning move?

To enter *The Times* Winning Move competition, send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times* Winning Move Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners names together with the winning move will be printed in *The Times* next Saturday.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Be5 since 1...Qxg5 2 Qh8+ Kf7 3 Qh7+ is fatal for Black.

Last Saturday's competition was from the game Dive-Westerinen, Gausdal 1989. Black wins with 1...Qxh3+.

The three winners are: D. Crossill, Southgate, Runcorn, Cheshire; T. Raggett, Yarm, Cleveland; Miss T. Payne, Canvey Island, Essex.



A wonderfully imaginative conception. White now threatens 34 h5 winning the pinned rook on g6, as well as 34 Rxb2. Meanwhile, Black cannot play 33 ... Rxe2 on account of 34 Qf7+. Faced with such a coup Adams does well not to suffer instant nervous collapse.

33 ...	Qd7	34 Qf8	Rdg7

BRIDGE

Cool nerves, deep pockets

What do you need to win at high stake rubber bridge? Obviously, you must be a good, practical player. But you will also require a deep pocket to withstand the inevitable bad run. And perhaps most important of all, you must have nerves of steel.

Let me describe an afternoon session which one of the better players in the big game recently experienced.

On the second hand of the first Chicago, with only his opponents vulnerable, our hero dealt and opened three hearts. The opposition competed with more enterprise than discretion, and his partner doubled the eventual contract of five diamonds. Declarer, rattled by the turn of events, revoked, effectively trumping his own Ace. When the smoke cleared, that was 2,000 to the good guys.

Unhappily, this was followed almost immediately by an instructive misunderstanding.

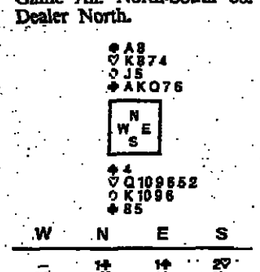
As South, you deal and pass. The bidding unfolds like this:

W	N	E	S
–	–	–	No
1♠	No	2♠	Dble
Redble	No	No	?

How do you construe North's pass of the redouble? South decided that North wanted to defend against two spades redoubled. North, as it happened, was merely reluctant to introduce a moderate suit at that point. Who was right? I believe the majority would side with North. Certainly I would. East-West made two spades exactly, whereas North-South could have escaped unscathed in their best strain at the three level.

Now came a tricky decision in the play after a competitive auction.

Chicago, Rubber Bridge. Game All. North-South 60. Dealer North.



W	N	E	S
–	1♣	1♠	2♡
2♠	3♡	4♠	No
No	5♡	Dble	No
No	No	–	–

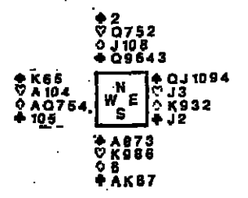
Opening lead ♡7

East won the opening lead with the ◇A and returned the ◇Q. Concluding that East, holding the ♡J3, was trying to build up a second trump trick, South played a trump towards dummy, playing the King when West followed with the ♡3. Sadly East discarded a spade, and the contract was lost.

Good deceptive defence by East, but mature reflection might have suggested that East's bidding could only be explained by some distributional factor.

When this, the last hand of the final Chicago, was dealt, all the early profits had disappeared.

Chicago. Rubber Bridge.Game All. Both sides 60. Dealer West.



W	N	E	S
1NT	No	2♠	Dble (1)
No	3♠	3♠	Dble (2)
No	No	No	–

Opening lead ◇6

(1) Doubtful, only justified by the score. (2) If the double of two spades was for penalties, then this was a mistake.

The declarer on this occasion was an experienced international. Recognizing the lead as a singleton, he won in dummy and played a spade to his hand which our man, South, ducked.

At this point declarer pulled a shrewd stroke by playing a diamond himself. South gave this a suspicious look, but discarded a club. The straightforward defence to beat the contract was no longer available. Declarer continued with dummy's ♠K, which South, possibly unnerved by his play to the trick before, won. Now there was no defence.

If South ducks the ♠K he can maintain control. Suppose declarer plays another spade, South wins, and switches to hearts. Declarer now lacks the vital entry to his hand to draw trumps.

Jeremy Flint

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Friday 31 Mar 7.30 pm RFH — THE PHILHARMONIA Andrew Davis (conductor) Carole Farley (soprano) Sir Adrian Boult - A Celebration Tippett Symphony No 2, Berg Wozzeck Fragments, Brahms Symphony No 4 £16, £14.50, £10, £8.50, £4.50, £3 Philharmonia Ltd

Saturday 25 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — ST. JAMES'S BAROQUE PLAYERS AND SINGERS Ivor Bolton (conductor) Lorna Anderson (sop) David Cordier (counter-ten) Barry Banks (ten) Peter Harvey (bas) Telemann St Matthew Passion £10, £8, £6, £4 St James's Baroque Players

25-27 Mar QEH & PUR — CROSSING THE BORDER FESTIVAL Sun 25 at 3pm QEH Bulgarian Voices: The Forest is Crying. Sun 26 at 8pm PR Gaelic Choir Peadar O'Riada and Cor Cluil Aodha. Mon 27 at 8pm PR Abdel Aziz el Mubarak & his band from the Sudan. Details 01-928 3002 £6.50 (Concs £5.50) Crossing the Border SBC

Sunday 26 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — MONTEVERDI VESPERS 1610 Gabrieli Consort and Players His Majesties Sagbutts and Cornetts, Paul McCreesh (conductor) Monteverdi Vespro della Beata Vergine 1610 £17 £12 £8 £6.50 £5 Gabrieli Consort, Choir & Players

Monday 27 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — THE WALLACE COLLECTION John Wallace (tpt) Charpentier, Lully & Delalande Airs de trompettes, Carousels & incidental music from the court of the sun king, & wks by Couperin, Gossec, Jadin, Rouget de L'Isle, Arban, Bizet, Ravel, F. Schmitt, Dukas, Poulenc, Tomasi, Ibert. £10 £8 £6.50 £4.50 Seven Muses

Tuesday 28 Mar 1.00 pm QEH — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY Shakespeare Plus Lunchtime Concert Robert Markham (pno) Prokofiev Gavotte Op 77, Smetana Macbeth & the Witches, Beethoven Sonata in D min Op 31 No 2 (Tempest) £3.50 Concessions £1.70, Shakespeare Plus Lunch £7.75 Details 01-928 3002 RPS

Tuesday 28 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — IGOR OISTRAKH (vln) NATALIA ZERTSALOVA (piano) Beethoven Sonata No 3 in E♭ Op 12, Bach Sonata No 3 in E min BWV 1020, Schumann/Kreisler Fantasy in C Op 131, Tchaikovsky Meditation Op 42, Franz Waxman Fantasy after Bizet's Carmen £12.50 £11.50 £10.50 £9 £5.50 Van Walsum Management Ltd

Wednesday 29 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN IN THE FIELDS Iona Brown (dir) Stanislav Kemp (harp) John Birch (organ) Tristan Fry (timp) Ravel Introduction and Allegro, Stravinsky Apollon musagète, Debussy Danse sacrée et danse profane, Poulenc Concerto for organ, strings and timpani £10 £9 £7.50 £6 £4.50 Academy Concerts Society Ltd

Thursday 30 Mar 1.10 pm QEH — MUSIQUE A MANGER lunchtime series Imogen Cooper and Anne Queffelec (pianos) Debussy En blanc et noir, Satie La belle excentrique, Trois morceaux en forme de poire, Milhaud Scaramouche. All seats £3.50 Concessions £1.70 Concert and Lunch £8 SBC Eats & Tiffin Ltd

Thursday 30 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — LA BONNE CHANSON Jill Gomez (sop) Roger Vignoles (pf) Members of Capricorn. "Lionel Friend (cond) Duparc 2 Baudelaire settings, Debussy Cinq poèmes de Baudelaire, Roussel Deux poèmes chinois, Ravel Trois poèmes de Mallarmé Ravel Chansons madécasses £6 £5 £3 South Bank Centre

Friday 31 Mar 7.45 pm QEH — LONDON SINFONIETTA, RESPONSE London Sinfonietta Chorus & Players, Terry Edwards (dir) Gorecki Totus Tuus Op 60, Tehillim Op 12, Amen Op 35, Unchanging Op 53, Schnittke Voices of Nature, Der Sonnengesang des Franz von Assisi, Tavener Weekend plus info 928 3002 £10, £8, £6, £4.50, £2 Sinfonietta Prods

Saturday 25 Mar 7.30 pm PUR — HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LIONEL HAMPTON! The Roger Nobes Quartet & special guest Judy Ellis (vocals) Dave Cliff (guitar) Randolph Colville (sax & clarinet) An evening of music in the Hampton style to mark the great vibraphone player's 80th birthday £6.50 (ONLY) Michael Wagger Promotions

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Thursday 30 Mar 8.00 pm PUR — THE DICKINSONS CELEBRATE Meriel Dickinson (mez-sop) Sarah Francis (oboe) Peter Sheppard (vln) Peter Dickinson & Aaron Shorr (pnos) Prog incl wks by Gershwin, Peter Dickinson, Satie, Lord Berners and Ives £7.50 £5.50 £3.50 Park Lane Group

Friday 31 Mar 8.00 pm PUR — NFMS SPRING FESTIVAL Andrew West (piano) Winner of the 1988 Piano Award Bach Partita No 4 in D BWV 828, Schubert 3 Piano Pieces D 946, P. Martin The Rainbow Comes and Goes, Fauré Nocturne No 6 in D♭ Op 63, Prokofiev Sonata No 4 in A Op 82 £5 £3.50 Concessions £3.50 Nat Fed of Music Societies

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Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4 (Italian)
Soloist **JANINA FIALKOWSKA**
Conductor **SIR CHARLES GROVES**

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Soloist **Justus Frantz**

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Sunday 26 March 11.30 am — RAPHAEL TRIO of New York. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Beethoven Morning. Beethoven: Theme & Variations Op. 121a "Kakadu", Piano Trio in B flat Op. 97 "The Archduke". £4 including programme & coffee sherry or juice

Tuesday 28 March 7.30 pm — ANGELA CHENG piano. Bach: Partita No 2 in C minor BWV 826, Mozart Sonata in D K 576, Ravel: Gaspard de la Nuit (1908), Jacques Hetu: Variations, Chopin: Sonata in B minor Op 58 £6, £5, £4, £3 Canada House Debut Series Jane Gray

Wednesday 29 March 7.30 pm — YORK PIANO TRIO. Beethoven: Trio in D Op. 70 No. 1 "The Ghost", Shostakovich: Trio No. 2 Op. 67, Dvorak: Trio in F minor Op 65 £6, £5, £4, £3 David Stone Associates Ltd

Thursday 30 March 7.30 pm — GERVASE DE PEYER clarinet, GWENNETH PRYOR piano, ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET. On This Island. Mendelssohn: Sonata in E♭ (1825), Matyas Seiber: Divertimento, Ireland: Fantasy Sonata (1943), Bliss: Clarinet Quintet (1931) £8 £7 £6 £5 Vanna Barber Management Ltd

Friday 31 March 7.30 pm — MARTIN BEST voice and lute. Early Music & Baroque Series. The Elizabethan Ayre including music by Dowland, Rosseter, Campion, Morley, Holborne & Johnson. £6 £5 £4 £3 Management: Sue Bird

Saturday 1 April 7.30 pm — GUILDHALL STRING ENSEMBLE, ROBERT SALTER dir. On This Island. Warlock: Capriol Suite, Elgar: Serenade in E minor Op. 20, Tippett: Little Music for Strings, Delius: Two Aquarelles (arr. Eric Fenby), Britten, Tippett etc. Sellinger's Round £7, £6, £5, £4

Sunday 2 April 11.30 am — DOWNSHIRE PLAYERS, PETER ASH cond. ADRIAN THOMPSON ten, DAVID COX hn, IMOGEN BARFORD hp. On This Island. Coffee Concert. Purcell/Britten: Chacony in G minor, Bax: Harp Quintet, Britten: Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings. £4 including programme & coffee sherry or juice

Sunday 2 April NB starting time: 7 pm — GUITAR FOR ARMENIA. John Mills, Hubert Kappel, Vincent Lindsey-Clark guitar, Arenstein-Hoy Duo (flute guitar), Quintet, pan-pipes, Los Madrigales Venezuelan harp, Paraguayan harp, guitar. In aid of the Armenian Earthquake Appeal £10 £7.50 £5 Guitar International

Monday 3 April 7.30 pm — BETH SPENDLOVE violin, MICHAEL DUSSEK piano. Leclair: Sonata No 3 in D, Ysaÿe: Poème élégiaque, Beethoven: Sonata in C minor, Op. 30 No 2, César Franck: Sonata in A (1886) £6, £5, £4, £3 Jane Gray

Tuesday 4 April 7.30 pm — JOHN ALER tenor, MICHAEL CORDOVANA piano. Hahn: À Chloris, La Pêche, Tyndaris, Paysage, Le Printemps, Schubert: Im Abendrot, An die Laute, Nacht und Träume, Im Freien, Ganymed, Liszt: 3 Petrarch Sonnets, Rachmaninov: Songs incl. 5 American songs. £7, £6, £5, £4

Wednesday 5 April 7.30 pm — LONDON MOZART PLAYERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT. London Mozart Players; Jane Glover conductor. Mozart: Symphony No 25 in G minor K 183, Horn Concerto No 2 in E flat K 417, Symphony No 33 in B flat K 319, Sinfonia Concertante in E flat K 297b. £25 incl. champagne reception at the Royal Society of Medicine

Thursday 6 April 7.30 pm — VANBRUGH QUARTET. Haydn: String Quartet in D Op 76 No 5, Janacek: Quartet No 2 "Intimate Letters" (1928), Schubert: Quartet in A minor D 804 £6 £5 £4, £3. International Young Prizewinners Series. Winners of 1988 Portsmouth International String Quartet Comp. Manygate Management

Friday 7 April 7.30 pm — DON LUCAS trombone, JOHN HENDRICKSON piano, music and bass. Castérède: Sonatine, Hidas: Movement, Scriabin: Piano Sonata No 5 Op 53, Defaye: 2 Danses, Liebs: Song and Dance, Bolling: Suite for cello and jazz piano trio, Dorsey: Three Moods, Tromboncolgy. £7, £6, £5, £4 Grapevine Ltd

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WHITEHALL S 867 1119 867 1111/379 4444/741 9999. Grps 867 1113. Eves 8, Thu mat 2.30, Saturday 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company PAUL SHANE JEFFREY HOLLAND WINDSOR DAVIES CAROL HAWKINS HEATHER ALEXANDER KEN FARRINGTON BRIAN GODFREY MICHAEL BOOTHE RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 2,600 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

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ROCK

Madonna Like a Prayer (Sire 925 844-2) 7
S'Express Original Soundtrack (Rhythm King LEFT LP8)

Like George Michael, Michael Jackson and others who have approached Eighties-style rock stardom as a well-established profession, no one could accuse Madonna of inattention to the quality of her work. Like a Prayer is a carefully written and meticulously produced collection of modern pop songs that ache a little, bounce a lot, and promise nothing more than they can ultimately deliver.

But as with the work of her peers, it is difficult to judge how much of her music is the product of real feeling, and how much of it is a coolly calculated exercise in line with the latest marketing strategies. The mildly titillating mixture of religious and sexual imagery that has already propelled the title track to No 1 is a good case in point.

The best art reflects life, but there is an unhealthy neatness about the way in which the melodrama of the real-life break-up of Madonna's marriage to Sean Penn provides romantic lyrical fodder for the song "Till Death Do Us Part", which is delivered in a robotic semi-rap style reminiscent of Blondie's "Rapture".

Elsewhere the delights are mixed. The all-purpose funk/pop of "Express Yourself" is one of those superficial neo-soul singalongs with roots in Motown and feet of clay, while "Cherish" is bobbysox pop that will doubtless give the younger generation of Kylies a run for their money.

But there is distinct evidence of a gathering maturity in material like "Love Song", a lascivious slow funk workout co-written with Prince, and "Keep it Together", a hot-blooded up-tempo dance track where she explores her thoughts about family ties with some acuity.

I am also particularly taken by the album's epilogue, a throwaway collage of atmospherics called "Act of Contrition" where a wildly distorted taped-in-reverse guitar provides the backdrop to Madonna's voice, solemnly reciting a prayer then suddenly bawling out a hotel receptionist about a room reservation. It all sounds pretty bizarre and marvellously subversive.

The package comes complete with a fulsome photographic study of Madonna's midriff spilling out of a pair of unbuttoned jeans on the cover, and inside, an Aids fact sheet with a slogan which makes the undeniable point that "Aids Is No Party!".

Life, on the other hand, has been one long party for the DJ producer Mark Moore since his first ever composition, "Theme From S'Express", went to No 1 last year, to be quickly followed by the Top Ten hits "Superfly Guy" and "Hey Music Lover". All three tracks are included on the debut S'Express album Original Soundtrack.

The house music style of blending sampled extracts with a monotonous disco beat has turned out to be one American invention which British acts have been able to adapt to their own purposes. It just seems a pity that so much inventiveness and technical expertise should be bent in the service of creating mindlessly repetitive dancefloor mantras.

David Sinclair



Mixed delights in the package: Madonna keeps her promises

Sweet and high

CLASSICAL

Schubert-Prokofiev: "Arpeggione" Sonata/Sonata Op 119 Harnoy/Dussek (RCA RD 87845)
Brahms: Cello Sonatas in E-minor and F-major Rose/Pommier (Virgin Classics VC7 90750-2)
Brahms: The Two Cello Sonatas Tortelier/De la Pau (EMI CDM 7 63021 2)
Rachmaninov/Chopin: Cello Sonatas Tortelier/Ciccolini (EMI CDM 7 69851 2)

Ofra Harnoy, the 24-year-old Canada-based Israeli cellist, makes only infrequent visits to Britain; but her voice is making its impression on the musical consciousness through her recordings. The latest is a winsome performance of Schubert's "Arpeggione" Sonata. It betrays her time spent studying with both Fournier and du Pré, but the big tone, with its light weightless movement, is distinctive in its own right.

She plays in long, deep breaths, but with the lightest pressure on the fingerboard and only sparing vibrato: the result is a sweet high register and springing leaps, often mischievously tinted by a hint of portamento. This gives a sophisticated audacity to the episodes of the final rondo which is entirely characteristic.

There is a similar nonchalance behind the deep-throated, reverberant opening of her Prokofiev sonata. Both Harnoy and her sensitive pianist, Michael Dussek, bring out the wide-eyed child in the composer, relishing the tactile qualities of pizzicato, staccato and barking arco in the slow movement. At its heart, her starry-eyed lyricism is worthy of Prokofiev's own *Romeo and Juliet*.

At the other end of the scale are the last recordings of Leonard Rose, his big-boned, robust Brahms recordings of 1982 now re-issued. Rose is in many ways *the* Brahms player: his large-toned, firmly controlled play with its incisive rhythmic sequences is a match for the near-orchestral proportions of the piano part.

Rose moves ahead with teeth-gritting determination where many players would indulge in a rest on the way. His balance of impetus and expansiveness in the first movement of the E-minor Sonata captures exactly the spirit of its "Allegro non troppo". I find his second movement a little mannered, with its exaggerated rubato and leaning first beats forcing the minuets into unnecessarily coy quotation marks.

The F-major piece is almost on the scale of a concerto. Jean-Bernard Pommier quietens the merely percussive in the piano, and provides biting entries and translucent chords as each player hones his wits.

The same two sonatas were tackled by Paul Tortelier in a 1977 performance now re-issued, in digitally remastered form and at mid price, for his 75th birthday celebrations. The difference in approach is remarkable: Tortelier's opening of the E-minor Sonata is like a great purring, its continuation less aggressive than Rose's.

One is more conscious of exploration, and less of the upbow; and the second movement is almost *faux naif* in its evenness and simplicity. By contrast, the finale bounces with life.

Among the large celebratory Tortelier batch is the 1968 recording of the Rachmaninov and Chopin sonatas. The former captures the playing of a younger, more highly-strung Tortelier, who hears the Sonata as an intimate salon piece, at times willing to provide a sighing accompaniment for the piano.

This, indeed, is one of the disc's great delights. Ciccolini, not surprisingly, comes into his own in the Chopin Sonata. Tortelier does not press his case for supremacy any further than discretion dictates: their *pas de deux* makes a most persuasive reading of this under-estimated work.

Hilary Finch

Steam-driven rhythms

JAZZ

Gerry Mulligan The Age of Steam (A&M CDA 0804)
Wes Montgomery Down Here on the Ground (CDA 0802)
George Benson Shape of Things to Come (CDA 0803)

Gerry Mulligan has spent most of the 1980s leading one of the most creative big bands currently active in jazz, but if you want to examine its qualities in the comfort of your home, you will be hard put to find recorded evidence of its existence.

About 10 years ago, there was a fairly representative album called *Walk on the Water*, then came *Little Big Horn*, on which Mulligan mysteriously chose to recreate a big-band feeling through the use of overdubbing. Preceding both, though, all the way back in 1972, was The Age of Steam, eight pieces arranged for a prototype of the present band, and now reissued in A & M's new series of mid-price compact discs.

The title is significant: Mulligan is a steam-railway nut, and one of the pieces here, "K-4 Pacific", is dedicated to the locomotives which pulled the long-distance express trains through the Ohio landscape of his childhood. Still in the band's repertoire, it has a lovely loose-limbed momentum that sets up solos from soprano saxophonist Tom Scott and pianist Roger Kellaway.

Harry Edison (trumpet), Bud Shank (alto saxophone), Bob Brookmeyer (trombone) and Howard Roberts (guitar) are among the soloists heard elsewhere in the album, which ought to be recommendation enough. There is, of course, an ample helping of Mulligan himself, both on baritone saxophone and piano.

The late Wes Montgomery's short series of mid-Sixties A & M albums, in which the producer Creed Taylor and the arranger Don Sebesky supported his warm guitar tone and trademark octave runs with gentle strings on tunes mostly borrowed from the pop charts of the day, are universally held by professional critics to represent a lamentable debasement of the art of perhaps the only jazz guitarist able to match the stature of Django Reinhardt.

Down Here on the Ground is typical; yet while no one could claim that it matches the intensity and creativity of his earlier small-group sessions, it makes a pleasant background noise and will no doubt continue to give many people some harmless pleasure. It also made Montgomery the good living which jazz musicians of his talent are too often denied.

George Benson, almost as gifted a guitarist, saw what had happened to Montgomery and determined to get some of the rewards for himself. On Shape of Things to Come, Sebesky's arrangements of tunes such as "Last Train to Clarksville" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo" will infuriate purists, despite the presence of such heavyweights as the pianist Herbie Hancock and the bassist Ron Carter, both moonlighting from their somewhat more demanding regular gig with Miles Davis.

Richard Williams

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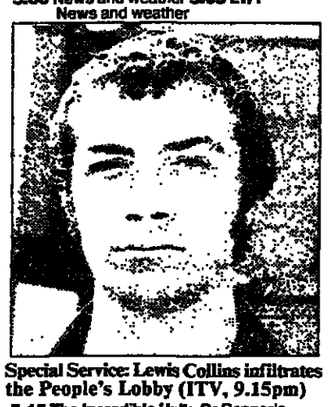
SATURDAY

BBC 1

7.30 Raccoons in *A Night to Remember* (r).
7.55 Kissyfur in *Home Sweet Home* and *Pooped Pop* (r).
8.20 Saturday Starts Here with **Ovide.** Animated adventures of a duckbilled platypus (r).
8.35 Roland's Rat Race. Taking part this week are a team representing Highfields Junior School near Barnsley — Wayne Bates, Scott Atkinson and Cassandra Hargreaves — and one representing Fulbrook Middle School, Woburn Sands — Michael Steer, Jane Hargreaves and Sarah Doyle.
9.00 Going Live! with Sarah Greene and Phillip Schofield. *The guests include Neighbours* star Elaine Smith, pop group T'Pau and the six heat winners in the final of the Young Entertainer of the Year competition.
12.00 The Gospel According to St Matthew. The sixth of seven films presented by Peter Barkworth (r). **12.12 Weather.**
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20, 1.10, 1.40** and **2.10 Rowing:** the build-up to and live coverage of the Boat Race. The commentators are Harry Carpenter and Chris Baillieu; **12.40** and **3.10 Rugby League:** a preview and live coverage of the Silk Cup Challenge Cup semifinal between Warrington and Wigan. Commentary by Ray French and Alex Murphy; **12.50 News; 4.45** Final score.
5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather **5.15** Regional news and sport
5.20 The Flying Doctors. Chris and Geoff help Father Jacko with a man he finds walking along an otherwise deserted road claiming he has conversations with God. They discover he is a paranoid schizophrenic and manage to stabilize his condition — but not enough to satisfy the people of Coopers Crossing who regard him as a dangerous madman. Starring Robert Grubb and Liz Burch. (Ceefax)
6.05 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixes it are 10-year-old identical twins who learn what it is like to be different after a visit to the BBC make-up department; and two other youngsters to discover it is possible to find a needle in a haystack. (Ceefax)
6.40 Little and Large. Syd's and Eddie's guests include Mica Paris, Bamboozle, Marie Harper, Albert Moses and the Naushad Sheikh Band. (Ceefax)
7.15 Bob Says. . .Opportunity Knocks. Talent contest, introduced by Bob Monkhouse, in which the viewers pick the winner. Tonight's hopefuls are Rachel Morris, a 14-year-old cornet soloist; comedy impressionist Terry Devine; comedian Terry St John; and singing/dancing double act Live Wire
8.05 Columbo. The dishevelled detective investigates the murder of a playboy who wanted to sell the family vineyards to help finance his *latest marriage. Starring* Peter Falk, Donald Pleasence and Julie Harris.
9.35 News and sport. With Martyn Lewis. Weather
9.50 Carrott Confidential. The final programme of the series in which Jasper Carrott take a wry look at life in general.
10.25 Film: Honky Tonk Freeway (1981) starring Beau Bridges, Beverly D'Angelo and William Devane. Comedy about a small Florida town determined to become a name on the tourist map despite not having an exit road from the freeway. The film also examines the comical lives *of tourists from all over the United* States converging on the unsuspecting townsfolk. Directed by John Schlesinger. (Ceefax)
12.10am The Gospel According to St Matthew (r).
12.20 Film: The Jericho Mile (1979) starring Peter Strauss and Brian Dennehy. A made-for-television drama about Larry Murphy, a prisoner in Folsom Prison, California, serving a life sentence, who finds relaxation in running round the prison yard. An interested warder times him and offers him the chance to run outside the walls — an offer accepted that leads to a chance of competing in the Olympics. Directed by Michael Mann.
1.55 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **Saturday Sport** presented by *Geoff Clark*; **7.30 Wideawake** for the young, with Timmy Mallett, Michaela Strachan and Tommy Boyd.
9.25 Motormouth includes an interview with Kylie Minogue; music from Brother Beyond; and Mark Shaw of Then Jericho talking about the group's latest video
11.30 The Patridge Family. Music and domestic comedy series **12.00 The Chart Show**
1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather. **1.05 LWT News** and weather followed by **Saint & Greavsie.** Ian and Jimmy review the *week's football news and look* forward to the weekend's programme **1.40 Sportsmasters.** Sports quiz presented by Dickie Davies
2.10 Film: The Robe (1953) starring Richard Burton, Jean Simmons and Victor Mature. Drama about a Roman soldier who outbids Caligula for a Greek slave and is transferred to Jerusalem as a punishment. He is put in charge of the Crucifixtion and wins Christ's robe in a game of dice which he then gives his slave. Directed by Henry Koster.
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby
5.00 News and weather **5.05 LWT** News and weather



Special Service: Lewis Collins infiltrates the People's Lobby (ITV, 9.15pm)

5.15 The Incredible Hulk. Dr Banner's efforts to free two orphans from the influence of a Fagin-type character are hampered by a man on the trail of the Hulk (r).
6.15 Trick or Treat. Alternative game show presented by Mike Smith and the Joan Collins Fan Club
6.45 You Bet! Challenging game show introduced by Bruce Forsyth. His guests are Jayne Irving, Nicholas Parsons and comedy impressionist Mark Walker.
7.45 Murder, She Wrote: A Very Good Year for Murder. Attending the 75th birthday celebrations of a wealthy wine merchant, Jessica's sleuthing talents are put to the test when the man's grandson is injured in a fall down the stairs. A tampered-with stair leads Jessica to suspect that the grandfather was the intended victim. Starring Angela Lansbury and Eli Wallach. (Oracle)
8.45 News and sport folowed by weather **9.00 LWT Weather**
9.05 Searchline Special presented by Cilla Black
9.15 Film: Who Dares Wins (1982) starring Lewis Collins, Judy Davis, Richard Widmark and Edward Woodward. Drama about an SAS operative who is ordered to infiltrate a radical anti-nuclear group thought to be responsible for the death of an undercover agent during a CND march. Directed by Ian Sharp
11.30 The Highwayman. The special agent rescues his old instructor who *has been wrongly-jailed for theft.*
12.30am Soap. Madcap comedy concerning the Tate and Campbell families. Tonight Jessica's attitude on the first day of her trial causes chaos in the courtroom. Starring Katherine Helmond (r). Followed by **News** headlines.
1.00 Night Network. The guests include steel drum maker and musician, Tony Charles; Sheena Easton, who is interviewed by Paul Thompson; and Richard Coles with reviews of the latest big screen releases.
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Disco music and news from Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan.
5.00 ITN Morning News with Sue Osman. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
12.05 Film: The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965) starring Max Von Sydow, Dorothy McGuire and Charlton Heston. The life of Jesus Christ that was four years in the making. Directed by George Stevens
3.15 Network East. Shahnaz Pakravan chairs a discussion on the Salman Rushdie affair between Fundamentalist Dr Kalim Siddiqui, director of the Muslim Institute in London; Jatinder Verma, the artistic director of Tara Arts Group; Shirley Daniels, headmistress of a largely Asian school in Southall; and Yasmin Ali, a lecturer at *Lancaster Polytechnic.*
3.55 The Half-Crown Challenge. A documentary following the fortunes of three of the 95 solo competitors in last year's Carlsberg Transatlantic race from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island (first shown on BBC South West).
4.25 Film: Baron Munchhausen (1943) starring Hans Albers. The original colour version of Raspe's adventures of the 18th-century fantast, planned by German propaganda minister Goebbels as a Nazi prestige film to rival the United States's *Gone With the Wind.* Directed by Josef Von Baky. In German with English subtitles
6.15 The Triumph of the West. Part 10 of John Roberts's 13-programme view of world history examines how India achieved independence (r).
7.05 NewsView with Moira Stuart and Lisa Davidson. Weather.
7.50 Rhythms of the World. The Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour in concert at the 1988 Montreal Jazz Festival and interviewed at Peter Gabriel's recording studio.
8.40 The "Slap" Maxwell Story. Judy persuades Slap to take her to her high school reunion. When he turns up to collect her in his rented, ill-fitting dress suit her mother recognizes him and bursts into tears. Last in the series
9.05 Saturday Night Clive
9.50 The Cry of Purgatory. Jonathan Harvey's composition evoking the mood the day after the death of Christ. With the choir of King's College, Cambridge
10.10 The Film Club: Louis Malle in America. Don Boyd introduces two films about the American way of life beginning with **Alamo Bay** (1985) starring Amy Madigan, Ho Nguyen and Ed Harris. The story of a Vietnam refugee in a Texas town where resentment against the immigrants is high.
11.50 God's Country (1985). A portrait of a small farming community in Minnesota where 80 per cent of the 5,000 population are of German descent. Ends at **1.25am.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Same Difference (r). **10.00 4 What It's Worth** (r).
10.30 Film: Seven Days to Noon (1950, b/w) starring Barry Jones. Thriller about a race against time to locate a disgruntled research scientist who threatens to destroy London. Directed by John Boulting.
12.15 Film: The Last Instalment (1945, b/w) starring Cameron Mitchell. Drama about a petty criminal who, on reading a magazine account of the exploits of a 1920s racketeer, decides to emulate his hero. Directed by Walter Hart.
12.40 Dance With Me. Episode nine of the 55-part Brazilian drama
1.05 Film: *Life with Father* (1948) starring William Powell. A comedy about family life in New York during the 1880s. Directed by Michael Curtiz
3.20 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. The 3.30, 4.05 and 4.40 races
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 The Prodigious Hickey. The second and final part of the mini-series set in an American boys' school in 1905, based on Owen Johnson's *The Lawrenceville Stories.* Followed by **Weather.**
7.00 The World This Week looks forward to tomorrow's Soviet elections; examines the prospects of peace between Israel and the Palestinians; and investigates human rights in China, including interviews with a Chinese dissident and an African student living in China.
8.00 Polar Passage. A documentary about Jeff MacInnis and Mike Beedwell and their plan to sail through the Northwest Passage in an 18ft fibreglass catamaran using only sail and muscle power. (Oracle)
9.00 Film on Four International: The Official Version (1985) starring Héctor Alterio and Norma Aleandro. A drama examining the secret genocide carried out in Argentina during the 1970s. An Argentinian film with English subtitles directed by Luis Puenzo
11.10 Sounds of Surprise: Royal Ellington. The Bob Wilber Big Band with a concert of Duke Ellington music, performed at London's Royal Festival Hall earlier this year, includes the first public performance of the Queen's Suite, written by Ellington in 1958 for the Queen who received the only pressing made of the work to celebrate her birthday.
12.10am Film: Hail the Conquering Hero (1944, b/w) starring Eddie Bracken as a US Marine who is discharged from the service on medical grounds after a few weeks. When he returns to his home town he is mistakenly treated as a hero. Directed by Preston Sturges. Ends at **2.00.**

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

5.30 Fashion TV **6.00** Pop Formulas **7.00** Fun Factory
11.00 Mazda Eye on Sport **12.00pm** WWF Saturday Night Main Event **1.15** Thw Saturday Movie Matinee — Men of Sherwood Forest
2.45 Sylvanians **3.00** Planet of the Apes
4.00 Nescafé UK Top 60 **5.00** Small Wonder
5.30 Emergency **6.30** That's Incredible! **7.30** The Love Boat
8.30 The Classic Movie — Gift of Love **10.30** WWF Superstars of Wrestling '89 **11.30** The Nescafe UK Top 50.
12.30 Arts Channel Programmes starting with The Mysteries — Part 3: The Doomsday
2.35 One Summer Again — Part 3
3.20 The Polka Children's Theatre **3.30** Landscape Channel Programmes from Sky.

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sky News Sunrise Edition **6.30** Earthfile
7.30 Beyond 2000 **8.30** Earthfile
9.30 The Best of Wild West End **10.30** Earthfile **11.30** Our World
12.30 Beyond 2000
1.30 Motor Sports **2.30** The Best of Wild West End **3.30** Our World **4.30** Earthfile
5.30 The Reporters **6.30** The Best of Wild West End **7.30** Beyond 2000
8.30 The Best of the Frank Bough Interview **9.30** The Reporters **10.30** The Best of Target **11.30** Motor Sports News
12.30am The Best of Wild West End **1.30** The Best of Target **2.30** The Best of the Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters
4.30 Motor Sports **5.30** Fashion TV.

SKY MOVIES

4.15pm The Grey Fox (1982). Released from prison after a 33-year spell in prison, a stage-coach robber decides to move with the times and rob trains instead.
6.00 W.W. & The Dixie Dancekings (1975). A con-man teams up with a struggling country-western group and endeavours to make them famous. With Burt Reynolds, Art Carney and Ned Beatty. Directed by John Avildsen
8.00 Enemy Mine (1985). It is 100 years from now and two mortal space enemies are stranded on a barren *planet forced to make friends or die* in the attempt to stay enemies. With Dennis Quaid and Louis Gosset Jnr. Directed by Wolfgang Petersen
10.00 Certain Fury (1985). Tatum O'Neal, recently acclaimed in *The Accused*, stars in another courtroom drama, this time about two defendants who are pursued by police after a bizarre murder during a trial. With Irene Cara and Peter Fonda. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal
11.50 Time Walker (1983). Science fiction thriller in which an alien buried in King Tut's tomb finds its way out onto a college campus. Directed by Tom Kennedy

EUROSPORT

10.30am Rugby Union **12.30pm** Ski Flying
2.00 Basketball **3.30** World Figure Skating Championships
4.30 Preview of Eurosport Programmes
6.00pm Mazda's Eye on Sport
7.00 The University Boat Race
8.00 Ski Jumping **9.30** Rugby League **Midnight** Close.

MTV

6.00am MTV!
4.00pm US Top 20 Countdown **6.00** Week in Rock
6.30 Remote Control **7.00** MTV's Metal Hammer **8.00** Club MTV **8.30** Party Zone.

PREMIERE

3.00pm Ruby & Oswald
4.45 Locke The Superman
6.40 Sharing Richard **8.10** Pretty In Pink
9.45 The Twilight Zone (Ep.74) **10.15** Heartbreakers
11.50 The Fly **1.20** And Then You Die **2.55** Close.

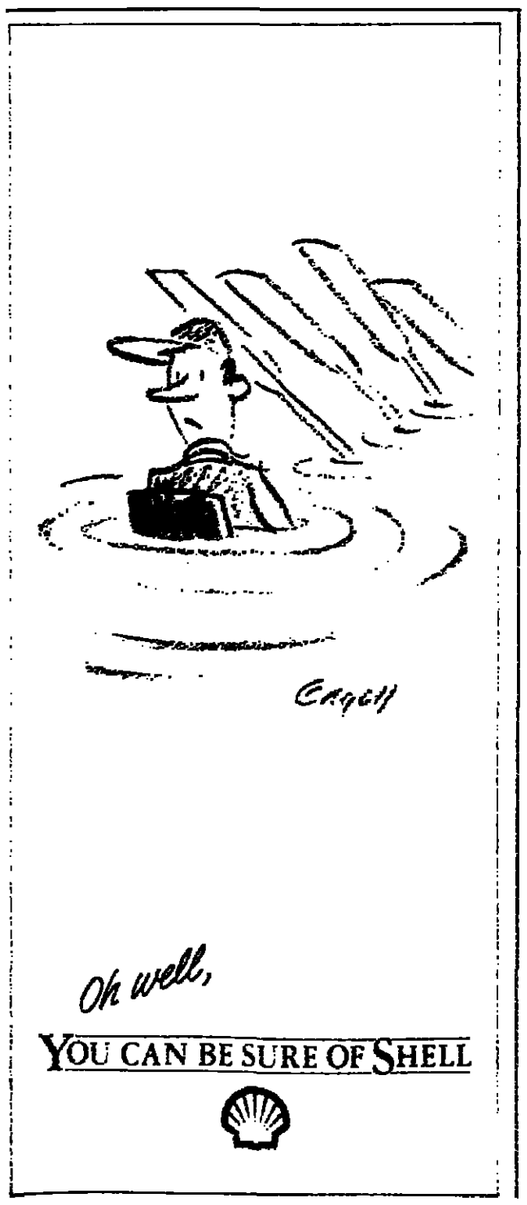


Compulsive watchability: Joe Don Baker [illegible] American Football team in Britain with [illegible]

A comic culture clash

TELEVISION CHOICE
Peter Waymark

● Though set very much in the 1980s, and reflecting such contemporary themes as the invasion of Britain by Japanese business, Ray Connolly's *Defrosting the Fridge* (BBC2, tomorrow, 10.05pm) is reminiscent of the Ealing comedies of 40 years ago. It is essentially a portrait of English eccentricity (trying to play American football) and the culture clash between the stubbornly traditional locals and a foreigner from across the Atlantic who wants to shake things up. Connolly's script interweaves three elements: the football team, the worst in Britain; the local Japanese frozen food company which is prevailed upon to sponsor it; and a new coach drafted in from the United States to crack the whip. Played by the burly Joe Don Baker, with the same compulsive watchability that he showed in his previous BBC drama, *Edge of Darkness*, the coach tries to talk tough but is gently undermined at every turn. While one of the team runs a huge American car, he has to make do with a rickety bicycle. "You English really get to me," he complains, as the team crumples to yet another defeat. Meanwhile, the sponsor is becoming impatient: "if the team fails, I shall be disgraced in the company", wails little Mr Hiroto, the fast fish boss. Attractively filmed on location on the Suffolk coast, *Defrosting the Fridge* makes a welcome change from the gritty, grim and socially-conscious dramas that make up so much of television's output.
● Claimed to be the world's first ecological musical, *Yanomamo* is an impassioned plea to stop the destruction of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil. Commissioned by the World Wide Fund for Nature and written by two Lancashire teachers, Peter Rose (music) and Anne Conlon (words), it has been performed by schoolchildren throughout Britain. Last year, with the rock star Sting lending his celebrity support, the children took the production to New York. Now comes a television version, *Song of the Forest* (Channel 4, tomorrow, 7.15pm), in which a performance by pupils of a Lancashire school is intercut with documentary footage from the threatened area. The first half is a celebration of the forest, its trees, its animals, the river that flows through it and the Yanomamo Indians who have lived there for 20,000 years. The second part charts the desecration of the forest by road builders, migrant farmers and multinational companies. The blend of words,



RADIO CHOICE
Peter Davalle

● **McCartney on McCartney** (Radio 1, 2.00pm) runs for eight hours, at one hour a week. Therefore, there can't be any excuse if *something vital* is left out. Part one makes it clear that even the minutia in the life of the song-writing Beatle will come in for close scrutiny. Today, for example, in a flashback to his schooldays, he recalls writing an essay about his passion at the time, pot-holing, and his first experience of the cinema canoodle. To be honest, there is not much promise of future



Paul McCartney: anatomy of a former Beatle (R1, 2.00pm)

distinction in "I Lost My Little Girl", which he wrote aged 14. Paul McCartney is sufficiently fluent to require only the minimum of prompting from his interviewer, Mike Read.

● **In Search of Margaret Buckle** (Radio 4, 10.15pm) is a cherishable tribute to an octogenarian poet whose memories are so sensitively attuned to the images of her native Yorkshire countryside that her blindness has opened up one treasure house while shutting out another. Her poems have been set to music by Ted Watson. There is a pastoral empathy between him and Margaret Buckle that made me think of Schubert and Wilhelm Muller.

RADIO 1

VHF Stereo & MW News on the half-hour from **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Sybil 'N' Mark **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** McCartney on McCartney (new series) (see *Choice*); **3.00** *The Saturday* Sequence **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.30** Culture Rock **12.00-2.00am** The Saturday Rock Show

RADIO 2

VHF Stereo (except **1.00pm-7.30pm**) & **MW** News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00** Headlines **6.30am, 7.30**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** Ronnie Hilton **9.00** Sounds of the 60s **10.00** Anna Raeburn **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00pm** *The News* Huddlines **1.30** Sport On 2, incl 135th University Boat Race **2.40pm** and the **3.30 and 4.05** races from Kempton **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** Cinema 2 **6.30** Sam Cooke **7.00** Pop Score (new series) **7.30** Handel's Messiah in Brass **9.00** 1989 BBC Festival of Gospel Music **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT
7.00 News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** From the Weeklies **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Personal View **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Here's Humph **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** People and Places **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Classical Record Review **11.30** Londres Mub **12.00** Newsdesk **12.15** Newsdesk 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Sing Gospel **2.00** News Summary **2.01** The Ken Bruce Show **2.30** Sportsdesk **3.00** Newsdesk **3.15** Sportsdesk **4.00** News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Sportsdesk **5.00** News Summary **5.01** Sportsworld **5.15** English as a Foreign Language **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.05** From Our Own Correspondent **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Mendian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Classical Record Review **9.30** What Do Christians Believe? **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.09** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Composer of the Month **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Play of the Week **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Newsdesk **2.30** The Ken Bruce Show **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Personal View **3.45** Reichenfer und Presseschau **4.00** Sideburns Religion, Feature, Alfredon **4.45** News Summary in English and French **4.55** Financial Review **5.00** News: 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Mijon **5.33** Tips for Tourists **5.37** Nachrichten: News

RADIO 3

7.00 Morning Concert. Franck (Le Chasseur maudit: Basle SO under Armin Jordan); Brahms (Ballade in D minor, Op 10 No 1. Edward: Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Delius (A Song before Sunrise: RPO under Thomas Beecham); *Sibelius* (Nightinde and Sunrise. Op 55: SNO under Alexander Gibson); Liszt (Mazeppa. Transcendental Studies: Claudio Arrau, piano); Rossini (Overture: William Tell: National PO under Riccardo Chailly)
7.30 News
8.15 The Week on 3. Presented by Douglas Reith
8.30 News
8.35 Orlando Quartet. Haydn (Quartet in C, Op 74 No 1). Mozart (Quartet in C, K465) (Dissonance) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review. Introduced by Richard Osborne. Record Review: Building a Library. Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony by John Warnack. Nicholas Kenyon on new releases of Monteverdi's Vespers and Tallis Sacred Music. Record release: Tallis: Gaude gloriosa dei matar; Sperm in alium (Tavemer Consort and Tavemer Choir under Andrew Parrott); Peter Philips: Dolcrosa Pavan and Galliard; Emilio de' Cavalieri, arr Philips: Aria dei Gran Duca Ferdinando di Toscana; Bassano, arr Philips: Pavan and Galliard (Parley of Instruments). Weelkes: Thule, the Period of Cosmographie: O Care, Thou Wilt Dispatch Me (Hilliard Ensemble under Paul Hillier); Peter Philips: Passamezzo Pavan and Galliard (Emer Buckley, harpsichord)
1.00 News
1.05 Third Ear: Talking Issue. Chaired by Paul Barker
1.30 Bach's 48. The sixth of eight programmes with pianist Andras Schiff playing Bach's Well-Tempered *Clavier: Book 2: Preludes* and Fugues in F minor; A flat major; B flat minor; C sharp major; D sharp minor; F sharp major (r)
2.10 From the Proms, 1988. Johann Wagenaar (Overture: Twelfth Night); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 2); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor). Performed by Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly with Lynn Harrell (cello) (r)
3.55 Allegri String Quartet. Stravinsky: Three Pieces for string quartet; Debussy: Quartet in G minor (r)
4.30 Debut. Pianist Colin Stone performs Bach, transc Busoni: Chaconne in D minor, and Chopin: Ballade No 4 in F minor
5.00 *Jazz Record Requests.* With Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum. Weekly discussion on cinema, broadcasting and the visual arts. Sheridan Morley talks to Gilbert Adair, Andrew Graham Dixon and Peter Porter about Terry Gilliam's film *The Adventures of Baron Munchausen, A Little Like Drowning* by Anthony Minghella on Radio 4, paintings and sculptures by Dieter Hacker at Marlborough Fine Art Ltd, Daniel Day-Lewis's latest role as Hamlet at the National Theatre, and William Golding's novel, *Fire Down Below*
6.35 Bach's 48. The seventh of eight programmes. Book 2: Preludes and Fugues in G sharp minor; B major; C sharp minor; E major; F sharp minor; A major (r)
7.20 Showboat. Mark Steyn introduces the musical by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II, after the novel by Edna Ferber. Original orchestrations by Robert Russell Bennett. With Fredrica Von Stade as Magnolia Hawks, Jerry Hadley as Gaylord Ravenal, Teresa Stratas as Julie LaVerne and Bruce Hubbard as Joe. Performed by Ambrosian Chorus and London Sinfonietta under John McGlinn
10.15 The Master-Thief. By Peter Redgrove. The fifth of six plays drawn from *Grimm's Fairy Tales.* A wealthy stranger returns to his homeland. With James Kerry as the Master Thief. Music composed and realised by Stephen Rollings. Directed by Brian Miller (r)
11.00 Langham Chamber Orchestra. James Lockhart conducts Vanicura: Overture to Sokolovsky's Mater-Magician, Cheat and Marriage-Broker; Rubinstein arr Lyadov: Five Pieces for Orchestra; Prokofiev: Symphony No 1 in D (Classical) (r)
11.35 Heaven upon Earth. David Melling describes Holy Week at the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Constantinople.
12.00 News **12.05** Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) on VHF
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** The Farming Week: Alan Wright talks to his predecessors and recalls 60 years of agricultural broadcasting **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** *Today:* Presented by Peter Hobday and Sue MacGregor, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.58** Weather **9.00** News
9.05 Sport On 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Travel and holiday news with Bernard Falk and Chantal Cuer taking in the sights of Paris, while Susan Marling explores the hotels
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sharrm, Robert Elms, Craig Charles and Victoria Mather
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster with Peter Jenkins, Associate Editor of *The Independent*
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting
12.25pm Beachcomber...By the Way: Comedy series starring Richard Ingrams, John Wells, Patrician Routledge and John Sessions, adapted from the writings of J B Morton (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Churston, Devon with panellists Bishop Hugh Montefiore, Joan Lester MP, author Frederick Raphael and Christopher Bland, chairman of LWT and Century Hutchinson (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 01-580-4411. An opportunity for listeners to ring Jonathan Dimbleby with opinions on this week's Any Questions?
2.30 Clouds: Play by Michael Frayn starring Dinsdale Landen, Morag Hood and Paul Chapman (s) (r)
4.00 News; A Year of Dying. Dangerously: Hugh Prysor-Jones presents the second of five programmes on homicide, in which he gives an over-view of the murders committed in the UK in 1986: (2) The Scene (r)
4.30 Science Now at the Rutherford: Peter Evans reports from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory on a machine which examines the structure of liquids, magnets and superconductors
5.00 Visiting Lives: Biographer, Claire Tomalin talks about her work (s) (r)
5.25 A Breed Apart: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton link up with BBC Local Radio stations to visit animal sanctuaries (first broadcast as The Local Network) **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sports Roundup
6.25 Citizens: By Scott Cherry (s) Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop The Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday-Night Theatre: A Song at Twilight by Noël Coward. With Michael Denison as Hugo Latymer, Jill Bennett as Hilde and Dulcie Gray as Carlotta. A couples' marriage is put under considerable strain by the return from the past of an ex-mistress (s) (r)
9.15 Music In Mind with Richard Baker (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, hymn and reflection led by Eddie Neale (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: In Search of Margaret Buckle: A volume of nature poetry full of visual images, captured the imagination of Ted Watson, a composer for the Royal Shakespeare Company. He set them to music, then set out to find the poet, with nothing to go on but her name and a mist. Nigel Forde retraces Ted's footsteps and visits the now blind poet Margaret Buckle, now in her 80s, at her home in Yorkshire (see Choice).
10.45 The Cartoonists: Frank Whitford in conversation with Michael Heath (s) (r)
11.00 Simon's Bug: Last of four-part comic dramatization of Richard Quick of his book of the same title. Starring Hywel Bennett, Alison Steadman and Rosemary Leach (s)
11.30 The Million-Pound Radio Show: Comic sketches written and presented by Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.30** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as LW except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News
5.50-5.55 Programme News

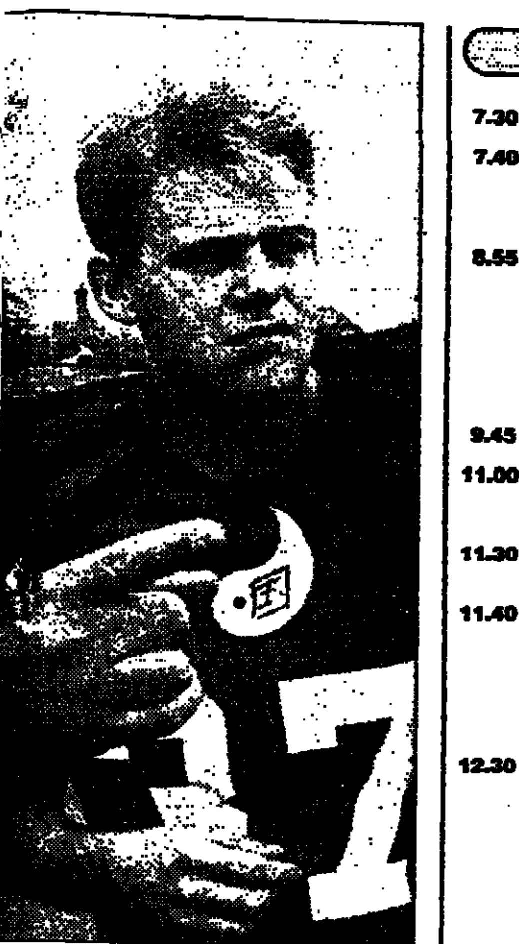
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TELEVISION AND RADIO

SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Greta Carslaw



...rican coach drafted in to shake up the worst ...lson as Phil (BBC2, tomorrow, 10.05pm)

A comi...ture clash

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

...usic and image is consistently successful. ...anomamo is a considerable piece in its own ...ght, incorporating a variety of musical ...yles and giving strong parts to both chorus ...nd soloists. The words are often felicitous, ...s in "the jawbones of piranhas are the ...nives for our bananas". The footage of the ...ildlife, the Yanomamo people and the ...rces that are threatening them adds an ...xtra dimension. The message is unequivo...al: that the greatest forest on earth and one ...f the world's richest ecosystems is being ...acrificed in the dubious name of progress. I ...o not know whether works of art can change ...inds but this one has the passion and ...incerity to do so, if only those concerned are ...repared to listen.

I am sure that stranger things have ...appened in the cinema but there seems ...omething perverse in filming a classic of ...terature rooted in the very soil of England ...vith French locations, a Polish director and a ...German star. But Tess (BBC2, tomorrow, ...20pm) was blighted by fate as almost as ...elentlessly as the characters in Thomas ...Hardy's story. The director, Roman ...Polanski, was prevented from filming in ...England as a consequence of his troubles ...vith the American courts over a rape charge. ...Fortunately, the landscape of Brittany ...roved to be a more than adequate ...pproximation to Hardy's Wessex. Then, ...art of the way through shooting, the ...istinguished British cameraman, Geoffrey ...Unsworth, died. But again Polanski was ...ucky with his substitute, the Frenchman ...Ghislain Cloquet. Unsworth and Cloquet ...hared the Oscar for best cinematography; ...ther Oscars went to the art direction and ...ostume design. After Polanski's bloody and ...ontroversial *Macbeth*, his second excursion ...nto the English classics proved to be ...urprisingly respectful, staying close to the ...ovel's structure, mood and dialogue. Some ...ritics felt he had been too reverential, to the ...oint even of dullness. But if the film misses ...ome of the subtleties of Hardy's writing it ...ffers a feast of visual images and an ...xcellent performance from Nastassia ...Kinski, whose Tess is all the more impres...ive given her then inexperience as an actress ...nd unfamiliarity with the English language.

BBC 1

7.30 The Sleeping Princess. An animated story
7.40 The Phantom Treehouse. Animated fantasy film about a boy and his dog who discover a strange land when looking for their friend Lucy
8.55 Playbus with Eithne Hannigan and Simon Davies (r). 9.15 The Fox and the Hare 9.25 Umbrella. Multi-faith series for the young presented by Mark Chatterton. Christians in Southwell, Manchester and Skelmersdale use symbols to bring to life the events of 2,000 years ago.
9.45 Sunday Worship. The Easter Liturgy from Peterborough Cathedral
11.00 Urbi et Orbi. Live coverage of the Pope's traditional Easter blessing, described by Mgr Vincent Nichols.
11.30 The Gospel According to St Matthew. Peter Barkworth with the last of seven films (r).
11.40 Take Nobody's Word For It. The last in the science series presented by Carol Vorderman and Professor Ian Fells (r). 12.05 Sign Extra. A programme about the problems facing people who run fairgrounds, adapted for the hearing-impaired.
12.30 Country File. Ian Breach investigates the workings of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. John MacGregor, the minister for Agriculture, and the shadow spokesman, Dr David Clarke, review the ministry's history and contemplate its future. With comment from Sir Richard Body, MP, and agricultural journalist Barry Wilson. 12.55 Weather
1.00 News with Moira Stuart
1.05 The "Olympic" Challenge. Highlights from the VIII Paralympic Games, introduced by Cliff Morgan (r).
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Oliver! (1968) starring Ron Moody, Oliver Reed and Harry Secombe. Six Oscars-winning musical version of Charles Dickens's novel *Oliver Twist* which told the tale of a young orphan boy who falls into bad company before being rescued by his relations. Directed by Carol Reed. (Ceefax)
5.20 The Clothes Show reports from Northern Ireland on flax farming and the designers who use linen for their high fashion garments
5.45 The Animals Roadshow. In this first of a new series Desmond Morris meets actress Susannah York with her three dogs and three cats; and Sarah Kennedy is in Brentwood for the world's only Working-Dog Convention. (Ceefax)
6.20 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.35 Songs of Praise from Westminster Cathedral. (Ceefax)
7.15 Laura and Disorder. The final programme of the comedy series starring Wendy Craig as a divorced middle-aged woman who seems to be forever surrounded in chaos. Tonight the intrepid Laura invests in a metal detector and unearths more trouble than treasure. (Ceefax)
7.45 Mastermind introduced by Magnus Magnusson from Cheltenham Ladies' College. The specialist subjects are: communism in Eastern Europe since 1935; Dorothy Wordsworth; Isambard Kingdom Brunel; and Cheltenham in Roman times.
8.10 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1982) starring Ralph Richardson, Deborah Kerr and Diana Rigg. A made-for-television version of Agatha Christie's courtroom drama about a man accused of murder who seems condemned by his wife's evidence. Directed by Alan Gibson. (Ceefax)
9.50 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather
10.05 Heart of the Matter: Is Life Worth Living? — That Depends on the Liver! The story of artist John Bellany whose liver disease forced him to confront the possibility of an early death
10.40 Kilroy in the Holy Land. Highlights from last week's three Middle East discussion programmes presented by Robert Kilroy-Silk
11.20 Handmade. Home crafts programme presented by Sue Robinson. Last in the series (r).
11.50 The Gospel According to St Matthew (r).
12.00 Network East. A repeat of yesterday's programme on the Salman Rushdie affair.
12.40am Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with children's programmes presented by David Yates and George Sparswick.
8.00 Anne Diamond on Sunday. Current affairs and a review of the day's national newspapers.
9.25 Motormouth on Sunday, presented by Julian Ballantyne and Caroline Hanson, includes Fraggle Rock, starring Simon O'Brien.
10.45 Link. The story of Sue Read, a diabetic who, after the death of her father when she was aged 12, became disturbed and was sent to a mental institution for a two week period which was extended to one of five and a half years.
11.00 Morning Worship from the Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of Our Lady and St Philip Howard, Arundel, Sussex
12.00 Encounter with Richard Holloway, Bishop of Edinburgh, who faces up to his own death by remembering the first Easter, which, he says proves that death cannot be the end.
12.30 A Chucklewood Easter. A cartoon story for children (r). 12.50 LWT News and weather
1.00 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
1.10 The Light of the World. John Halas tells the story of how Christianity began using both traditional art and computer-generated images. The words are spoken by Robin Ellis and Maurice Denham and the music written by Richard Arnell and Dave Hewson.
1.40 Walt Disney Presents. Cartoon double bill 2.00 Coronation Street. Omnibus edition (r).
3.00 The Match. Live coverage of the game at White Hart Lane between Spurs and Liverpool, introduced by Elton Welsby with commentary by Alan Parry.
5.05 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge quiz game presented by Jim Bowen.
5.35 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests are American raconteur Jackie Mason and Alan Bates and Felicity Kendal who will be seen soon in the West End playing in Chekov's *Ivanov*.
6.30 News and weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits the Vale of Glamorgan. Among the people he meets is the former Welsh rugby union international J. P. R. Williams
7.15 Searchline Special. Cilla Black continues her weekend campaign to bring together long-lost friends and relatives.
8.00 Forever Green. John Alderton and Pauline Collins star in the environmental drama series as a couple who move to the country from the city for the sake of their child's health. This week the family, apart from young Freddy, is struck down with ulcers and headaches. Lady Patricia offers a sinister reason for their discomfort. (Oracle)
9.00 An Audience With Victoria Wood. A repeat of the BAFTA award winning best light entertainment programme in which Victoria Wood regales her invited audience with witty monologues and sometimes sad songs
10.00 Searchline Special Update with Cilla Black
10.15 Floyd on TV. Keith Floyd presents another selection of television programme oddities from around the world.
10.45 News and weather 10.55 LWT Weather
11.00 Hale & Pace. Comedy sketches starring Gareth Hale and Norman Pace (r).
11.30 Film: Moment By Moment (1978) starring Lily Tomlin and John Travolta. A frustrated housewife, aware of her husband's affair with a younger woman, is reluctant to retaliate even when pursued by a persistent admirer. Directed by Jane Wagner.
1.30 The Chart Show (r). Followed by News headlines
2.30 The Other Side of Midnight. With Sonic Youth, Ishmael Reed and an item on mods and rockers
3.00 Pick of the Week. Highlights of programmes from the regions
3.30 American Documentary. The story of Eco-City Davis, the model town founded 10 years ago by students of Davis University in California
4.30 Hillary's Adventures. Glacier pilots and float planes.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00.

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.45 Film: Jungle Book (1942) starring Sabu and Joseph Calleia. Based on *The Jungle Books* of Rudyard Kipling, the story of a young boy growing up in the jungle who is adopted by wolves. Directed by Zoltan Korda
11.30 Film: Captain Horatio Hornblower (1951) starring Gregory Peck and Virginia Mayo. Adventure story based on three of C. S. Forester novels about the British naval hero of the Napoleonic wars. Directed by Raoul Walsh
1.20 40 Minutes: Wedding at Easington (r). (Ceefax)
2.00 The Kirov Ballet in London. A revised repeat of last summer's live transmission of the Kirov Ballet's Gala Performance from London's Business Design Centre, the Kirov's first visit to London for 18 years. With the Wren Orchestra conducted by Viktor Fedotov. The programme also includes interviews with Natalia Makarova and the Kirov's artistic director Oleg Vinogradov.
4.20 Rugby Special introduced by Chris Rea. Highlights from yesterday's Pilkington Cup semifinals between Gloucester and Bath; and Harlequins v Leicester.
5.20 Film: Tess (1979). (Ceefax) (see Choice)
8.05 Solti Conducts Bartok. In this first of two programmes Sir Georg Solti conducts the London Philharmonic in a performance of his fellow Hungarian's Concerto for Orchestra.
9.10 Brazilian Grand Prix. Highlights of today's race in Rio de Janeiro, the first in the world championship. The commentators are Murray Walker and James Hunt
9.45 The Cry of Joy. Jewish composer Robert Saxton celebrates the happiest day in the Christian calendar with a work scored for 30 instruments played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lionel Friend
10.05 Screen Two: Defrosting the Fridge (1988). (Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.40 Film: Bad Day at Black Rock (1955) starring Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan. Suspense story about a one-armed man who arrives in the remote town of Black Rock where his enquiries into a missing man are met with hostility. With Ernest Borgnine, Lee Marvin, Walter Brennan and Dean Jagger. Directed by John Sturges.
12.55am Snub. *DEF II*'s alternative music series. Appearing tonight are Bim Sherman, the Godfathers and New Order. Ends at 1.30.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Movie Mahal. Programme five of the 17-part story of the Indian cinema industry
10.00 The World This Week. A repeat of yesterday's international affairs programme 11.00 Pob's Programme for children. The guest is Charlie Williams (r).
11.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under. Jon Pertwee stars as the animated scarecrow 12.00 The Waltons. Adventures of an Appalachian mountain family during the Depression years.
1.00 Lost in Space. Episode 25 of the vintage science fiction series
2.00 Aly Bain & Friends. For this last programme of his series, the Shetland fiddler is joined by Scottish clarsach player Savourna Stevenson; Clive Gregson and Christine Collister from England; and from Cajun country, Louisiana Queen Ida and the Bon Temps Zydeco Band
2.45 The Modern World: Ten Great Writers. Part six — T. S. Eliot and his *The Waste Land* (r).
3.55 Big World Cafe. Pop music series
4.55 News summary and weather.
5.00 Film: The Road to Hong Kong (1962, b/w) starring Bob Hope and Bing Crosby. Comedy about two vaudeville dancers looking to make their fortunes in the Orient but managing only to attract the attentions of the local police and a criminal mastermind. Directed by Norman Panama
6.45 The Cosby Show.
7.15 Fragile Earth: Song of the Forest. (Oracle) (see Choice)
8.15 Missa Galactica. A performance of Janacek's choral work by the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Vaclav Neuman, recorded in the Church of St Kliment in Prague. The featured soloists are Gabriele Beneckova (soprano), Drahomira Drobkova (alto), Joseph Kundlak (tenor) and Sergei Kopcak (bass) with Jan Hora on the organ
9.15 Film: The Great Gatsby (1974) starring Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. Drama, based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel set in 1930s Long Island about a social climber and his affair with a selfish married woman. Directed by Jack Clayton
11.50 Sinfonietta. The London Sinfonietta, conducted by David Atherton, perform Olivier Messiaen's Colours of the Celestial City (r).
12.35am Film: Forbidden (1932, b/w) starring Barbara Stanwyck as a staid librarian who has an affair with a married politician. Directed by Frank Capra. Ends at 2.10.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 12.45am-12.50 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.05pm-10.40 The Quest: Trust the Process NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.30pm-12.55 Tomorrow's Farm 5.05-5.30 A Taste of Ireland

BBC2 SCOTLAND: 4.20pm-5.20 Rugby Special from Scotland

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.40-3.00 Film: Condor 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Prisoner 12.00 Hodson Confidential 12.30am Mystery Theatre 1.00 Other Side of Midnight 1.30 Film: Someone is Bleeding (Alain Delon) 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00-5.00 Fist Law.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Out of Town 5.05 Scotsport 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.00 Prisoner 12.00 Nashville Swings 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 African Tale 2.00-3.00 Highway to Heaven 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Worlds Beyond 11.30 Prisoner 12.30am Chart Show 1.30 Film: Gambler II (Kenny Rogers) 3.15 Pick of the Week 3.45 Other Side of Midnight 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 2.00pm-3.00 The Bill 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.30 Really Weird 12.00 Chart Show 1.00am Midge Ure 2.05 Sledge Hammer! 2.35 Other Side of Midnight 3.05 American Dream 4.00 Coast to Coast People 4.30-5.00 Island Life.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 On the Great Peatlands 3.00 Curling 4.00 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (Jack Lemmon) 4.20 It's Only Natural 4.30 Bullseye 5.00-6.30 Scotsport 11.00 Mystery Theatre 11.30 Prisoner 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm Action Point 12.50-1.00 Aap Kaa Hak 1.40-4.00 Film: Invisible Man (David McCallum) 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Twilight Zone 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming 1.40-3.00 Film: The Fan' 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Hale and Pace 11.30 Prisoner 12.30am Chart Show 1.25am Schimanski 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.25 Hit Man and Her 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 12.00-12.30pm Wales on Sunday 11.00-11.30 Table Tennis

TSW As London except: 1.40pm-3.00 Film: Northstar 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 All That's Left of Innocence 11.30 The Highwayman 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

TVS As London except: 2.00pm-3.00 The Bill 5.35-6.00 Coronation Street 11.00 Kojak 12.00 Chart Show 1.00am Midge Ure 2.05 Sledge Hammer! 2.35 Other Side of Midnight 3.05 American Dream 4.00 Coast to Coast People 4.30-5.00 Island Life.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 1.40-3.00 Film: A Cry in the Wilderness 5.05 Who's The Boss? 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Some People Don't Call It Music 12.00 Inner Space 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Ace of Aces 2.00 Farming Ulster 2.30-3.00 Benson 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.00 Tina Turner 12.00 Circuit of Ireland 12.30am Other Side of Midnight 1.00 Donahue 1.55 Film: Family Plot (Karen Black, Bruce Dern) 4.00-5.00 Hit Man and Her.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.25pm Farming Diary 12.50-1.00 Calendar 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Bullseye 11.00 K2 — Triumph and Tragedy 12.00 Fleetwood Mac 1.00am Chart Show 2.00 Short Story 2.30 Pick of the Week 3.00 Other Side of Midnight 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.15am Hafoc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 POB's Programme 11.30 Worzel Gummidge Down Under 12.00 Waltons 1.00pm Big World Cafe 2.00 Fideo 9 2.40 Film: Atlantic Adventure' (Lloyd Nolan) 4.00 Treasure Hunt 5.00 Film: Road to Hong Kong (Bing Crosby, Bob Hope) 6.45 Different World 7.15 Rebecca 7.25 Newyddion 7.30 Margaret Williams 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Yn Ol I Barcelona 9.35 Nid Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Duw Erioed 9.40 Film: Ping Pong (David Yip) 11.30 Crime Does Not Pay 11.50 Sinfonietta 12.35am Forbidden 2.10 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am Whole Shebang 10.30 Action Station 1.00pm Bugs Bunny 1.50 Faerie Tale Theatre 3.00 Daffy Duck's 3.25 Film: Blondie's Holiday' (Arthur Lake) 4.35 Film: Easter Promise (Jason Robards, Jean Simmons) 6.00 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Down Here With a View to Above 7.05 MacGyver 8.00 Chris de Burgh 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.15 Kenny 'Live' 11.40 Film: A Double Life (Ronald Colman) 1.30am News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 11.40am Irish in Mind 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Meltdown 6.00 Easter Egg 6.25 Family Ties 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Man Who Wants to Change the World 7.30 Tracey Ullman Show 8.00 The Miserables 8.15 Film: The Dark Crystal (Jim Henson) 10.00 Tale from the Dark Side 10.30 Circuit Report 11.15 Easter Vigil 1.00am Closedown.

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

5.30am Bailey's Bird 6.00 Hour of Power
7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Shell International Motor Sports
12.00 Mobil Motor Sports News
12.30 Fashion TV
1.00 Sunday Movie Matinee — The Little Ark
3.00 Beyond 2000
4.00 Pop Formulas 5.00 Joanie Loves Chachi
5.30 Eight is Enough 6.30 Dolly 7.30 Family Ties
8.30 My Fair Lady 11.40 Entertainment This Week
12.30 Arts Channel Programmes from Sky starting with Madame Butterfly 3.00 Lalique Glass
3.30 Landscape Channel Programmes from Sky.

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sky News Sunrise Edition 6.30 The Best of the Frank Bough Interview 7.30 Roving Report 8.30 Earthfile
9.30 The Wall St. Journal 10.30 Fashion Television
11.30 Our World 12.30pm The Easter Editors 1.30 The Wall St. Journal 2.30 Roving Report
3.30 Our World 4.30 Earthfile
5.30 Entertainment This Week 6.30 Entertainment This Week 7.30 Fashion Television
8.30 The Easter Editors 9.30 Meet the Press
10.30 Face the Nation 11.30 The Wall St. Journal 12.30am Entertainment This Week 2.30 Fashion Television
3.30 Roving Report 4.30 Earthfile 5.30 Meet The Press.

SKY MOVIES

4.05pm Ladyhawke (1985). Medieval fantasy about a pair of lovers who are alternately transformed into a wolf and hawk at different times of the day. With Matthew Broderick, Rutger Hauer and Michelle Pfeiffer. Directed by Richard Donner.
6.10 Project X (1987). Matthew Broderick again, this time in a bizarre adventure about an airforce pilot working with chimpanzees as part of his top secret military training. By befriending one of them he learns the truth behind the dangerous Project X. Directed by Jonathan Kaplan.
10.00 Mother Lode (1982). Director of the film Charlton Heston stars as a greedy gold miner who will stop at nothing to get his hands on some mountain gold. Also with Nick Mancuso and Kim Basinger.
8.00 Summer Lovers (1982). A Greek holiday results in a *menage à trois* for an adventurous couple who meet up with a French archaeologist. From the director of *Grease* and *The Blue Lagoon*, Randal Kleiser, starring Peter Gallagher, Daryl Hannah and Valerie Quennessen.

EUROSPORT

10.30am Mazda's Eye on Sport 11.30 The University Boat Race 12.30pm Ski Jumping 2.00 Rugby League
4.30 Preview of Eurosport Programmes
6.00 Eurosport — What A Week! 7.00 Brazilian Grand Prix
9.00 Ski Jumping 10.30 Super Magazine
11.00 Rugby Union Midnight Close.

MTV

6.00am MTV! 10.00 VJ Marcel Vanthilt
1.00pm MTV's European Top 20 2.00 VJ Ray Cokes
3.30 Week In Concert 4.00 MTV Classics
5.00 VJ Ray Cokes 6.00 XPO 7.00 Kino 8.00 MTV Spotlight
9.00 VJ Kristiane Backer 10.30 Night Videos.

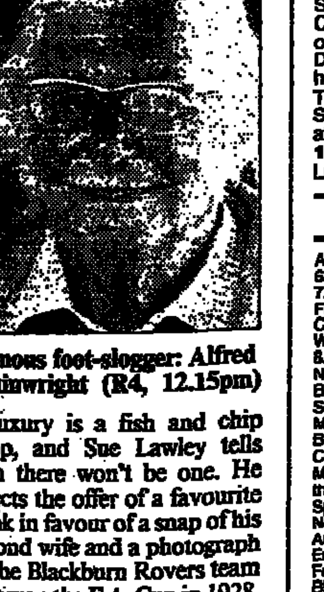
PREMIERE

3.00pm The Care Bears 2 — A New Generation
4.15 The Karate Kid II 6.05 Sledgehammer (Ep.17)
6.30 Gremloids 8.00 Static 9.25 Hollywood Insider (Ep.12)
10.00 Blindside 11.40 John and the Missus
1.20 Aliens 3.30 Close.

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

Radio 4 today (12.15pm) ...eats an edition of Desert ...sland Discs about which ...more readers have written to ...me than any I have ever ...ecommended. It is with Al...red Wainwright, celebrated ...rudger across Lakeland fells. ...He is possibly the most ...diosyncratic castaway this ...programme has had to deal ...with. He prefers silence to ...music, which cannot have ...made it easy for the producer ...of a programme with a high ...musical content. All he wants ...on his desert island by way of



Famous foot-slogger: Alfred Wainwright (R4, 12.15pm)

a luxury is a fish and chip shop, and Sue Lawley tells him there won't be one. He rejects the offer of a favourite book in favour of a snap of his second wife and a photograph of the Blackburn Rovers team that won the F.A. Cup in 1928. His obsession with walking led to his first wife (and dog) walking out on him after 30 years. He has, he says, a single-track mind, and is totally unaware of how strangely that comment sits on a man who, in his guide books, has probably offered fellow foot-sloggers more alternative routes across the hills and dales of England, Scotland, and Wales than anyone in the history of sore feet.

RADIO 1

VHF Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from 6.30am-12.30pm, then at 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 and 12.00 midnight
6.00 Sybil 'n' Mark 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30 Pick of the Pops 3.00 Phillip Schofield 4.00 Pop of the Form 4.30 Chartbusters 5.00 Top 40 7.00 The Anne Nightingale Request Show 9.00 Soul Train 11.00-2.00 Scott on Sunday

RADIO 2

VHF Stereo (except 5.00pm-7.00pm) & MW
News on the hour (except 8.00pm)
4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Good Morning Easter Day 9.05 Melodies for You 11.00 Your Radio 2 All-Time Greats 1.00pm The Billy Cotton Band Show 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell 4.00 Hollywood Sound Stage 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket 7.30 50 Dancing Years 8.30 Sunday half-hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.05 Songs from the Shows 10.45 Peter Alexander at the piano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours followed by Financial News 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Book Choice 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.15 Nature Now 9.30 Financial Review 9.40 Book Choice 9.45 Short Story 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Urbi et Orbi 10.30 Londres Midi 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Composer of the Month 12.00 News Summary 12.01 Play of the Week 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 Worldbrief 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Papa Wojtyla 2.30 Anything Goes 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 BBC English 3.30 Nachrichten: News, Aktuelles Feature, Brief Aus Berlin 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Londres Soir 5.15 BBC 648 Letterbox 5.30 Nachrichten 5.45 Nachrichten: News 6.00 Tips fur Touristen 6.30 Centrepoint London 6.54 Nachrichten: News 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Here's Humph! 7.15 Time Will Tell 8.00 News 8.09 Worldbrief 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 My Music 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.09 Book Choice 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 Papa Wojtyla 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 In Praise of God 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Time Will Tell 1.45 A Chopin Collection 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Newsreel 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 News 3.15 Food and Drink 3.30 Letter from America 3.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau 4.00 Morgenmagazin 4.45 News Summary 4.55 The Week on BBC 648 5.00 News: 24 Hours 5.30 Londres Matin

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Bach: Played by Peter Hurford on the organ of the Domkirche, St Pölten, Austria. The last of seven programmes. Prelude in E flat (BWV 552a); Chorale preludes: Aus tiefer Not schrei' ich zu dir (BWV 686); Jesus Christus unser Heiland (BWV 688); Fugue in E flat (BWV 552b) (r)
7.30 News
7.35 Smetana Quartet (new series): First of six programmes featuring the work of this quartet, founded 45 years ago and undertaking its final concert tour this year. Jiri Novak (violin), Lubomir Kostecky (violin), Milan Skampa (viola) and Antonin Kohout (cello) perform Haydn's String Quartet in D, Op 64 No 5 (Lark); Martinu's Madrigal No 2, for violin and viola; Smetana's String Quartet No 1 in E minor (From My Life)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Grétry, arr Beecham (Ballet music: Zémire et Azor: RPO under Thomas Beecham); Quantz (Horn Concerto No 3 in E flat: Academy of St Martin-in-The-Fields under Iona Brown with Barry Tuckwell, horn); Strauss (Deutsche Motette: Stockholm Chamber Choir/Stockholm Radio Choir under Eric Ericson); Moeran (Violin Concerto: LSO under Vernon Handley with John Georgiadis, violin); Milhaud (La Cheminée du Roi René: French National Orchestra Wind Quintet); Scriabin (Prometheus: Ambrosian Singers, LPO under Lorin Maazel and Vladimir Ashkenazy, piano)
10.30 Music Weekly. With Michael Oliver. A Pole Apart: Adrian Thomas introduces works by Henryk Mikolay Gorecki. William Baines, Composer and Reviser: Fiona Richards examines the progression of Baines's Piano Sonata. Authentic Elgar?: Robert Philips re-evaluates the composer's recordings in the light of different performance practices
11.15 Mahler's Resurrection Symphony. Tadaaki Otaka conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra with the BBC Welsh Chorus (chorusmaster John Hugh Thomas), the Leipzig Radio Choir (chorusmaster Gert Frischmuth), and soloists Yvonne Kenny (soprano) and Alfreda Hodgson (contralto)
12.45 Shura Cherkassky: The pianist performs Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K 333), Ravel (Sonatine), Copland, arr Bernstein (El salon Mexico), Balakirev (Islamey) (r)
1.45 Third Ear: Writers Talking. Christopher Hope in conversation with Hermione Lee (r)
2.10 Guitar Quartets: Jukka Savijoki (guitar) and Chameleon perform Haydn's Quartet, Op 2, No 2, for guitar, violin, viola and cello; Schubert's Quartet (D 96), for guitar, flute, viola and cello (r)
2.50 Sacred Dramas: Final programme in a series of Handel's oratorios. La Resurrezione: This oratorio in two acts was first performed on Easter Day 1708 in Rome. Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Emma Kirkby (soprano) as Angel, Patrizia Kwella (soprano) as Mary Magdalene, Ian Partridge (tenor) as St John and David Thomas (bass) as Lucifer
4.50 Celebrity Recital: The Alban Berg Quartet with Philippe Entremont, piano, perform Mozart's Quartet in B flat (K589), Schoenberg's String Trio, Op 45, and Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44
6.15 Passover and Last Supper: Margaret Horsfield talks to scholars about the origins of the Christian Eucharist
7.00 BBC SO: Alexander Lazarev conducts Sibelius's Symphony No 1 and Tchaikovsky's Suite No 3 in G
8.25 Varsovia String Quartet: Boccherini (Quartet in A, Op 32, No 6, G 206). Stachowski (Quartet No 3, 1988, first broadcast)
9.15 Heaven upon Earth: The last of seven programmes. The faithful embrace one another in the Vespers of Love.
9.50 Bach's 48: The last of eight programmes played by Andras Schiff, piano. Book 2: Preludes and Fugues in B minor; D major; E minor; G major; A minor; C major (r)
10.30 Choral Evensong: Recorded in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
11.30 20th-Century Clavichor: First of two programmes, played by Peter Dickinson, Alun Hoddinott (Sonatina); Dickinson (Five Diversions); Duke Ellington (Prelude to a Kiss; Sophisticated Lady; It Don't Mean a Thing)
12.00 News 12.05 Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) stereo on VHF
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken (s) 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm with Claire Powell 7.40 Sunday with Clive Jacobs and Kati Whitaker, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 The Week's Good Cause: Lord Coggan speaks on behalf of the John Grooms Association 8.55 Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service from Tyndale Baptist Church, Bristol (s)
10.25 The Archers
11.25 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs Another opportunity to hear Sue Lawley in conversation with Wainwright (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend: Presented by Jon Silverman
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from the Groby Gardening Society in Leicestershire. With panellists Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Sue Philips, chaired by Clay Jones
2.30 The Way We Live Now: Dramatization of Anthony Trollope's novel by David Spencer. With Rosalind Shanks, Michael Tudor Barnes and Joan Matheson (final part) (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor with the magazine prgramme about radio
4.00 With Passport and Parasol: Seven true stories of women adventurers: (3) Baptized of the Desert The Story of Gertrude Bell, with Rosalie Crutchley as Gertrude. Narrated by Paul Daneman (s) (r)
4.47 Enquire Within with Dilly Barlow
5.00 News: Down The River Teifi: Cliff Morgan follows the route of the Teifi, which flows 72 miles from the mountains of mid-Wales, through Lampeter and Newcastle Emlyn to Cardigan and the sea (s) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15-6.30 Next Door's Doorstep: Ray Gosling gives the third of four talks about his time spent in Wales: (3) A Stranger at the Co-op (s) (r)
6.30pm The Weirdstone of Brisingamen: By Alan Garner, dramatised in four parts by David Wade. With Robin Bailey. (s) (r)
7.00 News: In My Opinion: Lord Harris of High Cross, chairman of the Institute of Economic Affairs argues that the Church of England needs to learn how to market itself
7.30 Fear on 4: Soul Searching by Martyn Wade. Introduced by Edward de Souza. With Bernard Cribbins as Mr Timmins and Shaun Prendergast as Tom (s)
8.00 Bookshelf: Anthony Burgess, in Britain to promote his new book *Any Old Iron*, in conversation with Nigel Forde (r)
8.30 Beyond Belief: The Bishop of Salisbury, The Rt Rev John Austin Baker and Ludovic Kennedy discuss the existence of God before an audience in Salisbury Cathedral
9.00 The Sun, Singing: A selection of poems, readings and music for Easter Day compiled by Rosemary Hartill (s)
9.15 The Natural History Programme: With Lionel Kelleway and Fergus Keeling (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Faith and Fortune: Mohini Patel looks at the staggering business success of three of Britain's Asian millionaires and how they have reconciled their traditional values and beliefs with the world of big business
11.00 In Committee: The work of Parliament's select committees. Presented by Rodney Foster
11.30 Seeds of Faith: First programme in a new series of three. Words and music for Easter. Tony Burnham, North West Moderator of the United Reformed Church, talks about the different Resurrection appearances of Jesus (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast
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BOOKS

Voyage to her father

Fiona MacCarthy follows Germaine Greer on a journey of discovery



DADDY, WE HARDLY KNEW YOU
By Germaine Greer
Hamish Hamilton, £13.95

After dinner at St John's in Cambridge the Master beckons Dr Germaine Greer to come and sit beside him. They imbibe the college burgundy. They talk about Intelligence, the Master's special subject, and with an ancient gesture, paternal and approving, he puts his arthritic hand upon her wrist, knocking off the little pile of scented snuff she has been sniffling slowly up into her nostrils. "This young woman," he says, beaming, "has read my book."

All the old men in the world think of themselves as Germaine's Daddy, all except her real father, who apparently disowned her. He belittled her achievements. She was cut out of his will. Worst of all, he never hugged her. This she terribly resented, and her adult life is haunted by a sequence of small images of infants clinging, cradled, almost welded to their fathers. Deep resentment underlay her urge to trace her father's history. It started as a quest and it turned into a torment beset by horrid omens. Digging in her garden, Greer, who loves all frog-like creatures, finds her metal fork embedded in the belly of a toad.

This is a peculiar book. How could it not be? It is a menopausal reverie. It started in the notebook in which, 20 years before, Germaine Greer began to plot *The Female Eunuch*. (Does Greer have a sense of irony, or is she too Australian?) *Eunuch* is a diatribe against docility in women. In its day it was quite staggeringly influential. Any woman above 40 can tell you instantaneously where it was she read *The Female Eunuch*: the "where-were-you-when-they-shot-Kennedy?" effect. A friend of mine was in a wagon lit, the upper bunk, and when she descended she was quite another person, astonishing her husband with the sudden force of Greerspeak. She is still married but she has her private telephone. In such ways *The Female Eunuch* did indeed change people's lives.

Men are perverse and polarized. So where did that leave Daddy? How far, in fact, had life with father been an influence on that familiar *Female Eunuch* view of masculinity? Would Germaine have been gentler if Daddy had been fonder? There are interesting questions which bear on the obsessiveness with which Germaine Greer set out on her long travels to identify Reg Greer, the Houdini of Tasmania, a male version of Germaine not just in physical appearance, both bearing a strange resemblance to the kangaroo, but also in the twists and turns of his evasiveness, his resistance to consistency. He got through life without a birth certificate or passport. His persona was built up from a collection of pretences: it was assumed, for instance, since he always put his gloves on when he went out of the office, even in a Melbourne heatwave, that Reg Greer must be English. He was not.

As a study of the celebrated in pursuit of the almost non-existent, this book has its fascinations. Greer, so famously opposed to theories of penis-envy, is desperate to prove that her Daddy was a someone. She is used to, and indeed expects, enthusiastic service. She demands, and she is granted, an appearance on the *Wogan* show. Sir Ray Ferrall, doyen of Tasmanian newspaper owners, answers her letter absolutely instantly. Sydney Radio obligingly sets up a whole phone-in on anxiety neurosis, from which her father suffered. When people in the outback, librarians and archivists, fail to recognize her and her urgency of mission, she is very hoity-toity: if they happen to be women she claims crossly to be losing her faith in sisterhood.

Greer in action is one thing. As she traverses the continents enormously expensively, from Australia to India to Malta to England, then returning to Australia, her girlish vim and vigour are impressive and appealing: she acts the schoolgirl sleuth, Germaine of the Remove. It is Greer with the vapours who is much more of a worry. Germaine languid, Germaine wistful, Germaine sleepless, Germaine prostrate with anxiety symptoms as alarming as her father's. Woosh! Boom! Perhaps the horridest of physical descriptions is the one in the first chapter of Germaine being sick.

Things go from bad to worse. As the research advances, Greer discovers that her father was not only not a somebody but was rather worse than nobody. He was illegitimate, a ward of court. His foster parents were called not Greer but Greeney. He had married under false pretences. He had deceived his wife (the thing Greer finds the least forgivable, denounced in most surprisingly shrill terms of bourgeois outrage). Daddy's military service had been anything but glorious. He had been a cypher officer in Cairo and Malta, and his two official years of misleading and concealing seem to have increased his genius for self-obliteration. When he got back to Australia, in the years of Germaine's childhood, in very many senses there was no Reg Greer at all.

It is of course enough to send a daughter crazy; and there is a touching portrait of Greer in the guise of mad pre-Raphaelite maiden roaming through the meadows of Malta and of Gozo, contemplating the wild flowers and trying to sort out her responses to her father. The intensities of feeling welling up within her make terrible demands on the patience of the reader. Self-censorship abandoned, she lurches into page after page of the most tiresome genealogies, in the deadpan style of the Great Bore of the Day. Her nature descriptions, at which Greer is not a natural, teeter on the edge of comedy: there is the prize example of the "phantasmagoria of wilting petunias" on page 243. Worst of all, there are the dialogues Germaine sets up with Daddy. Some are quasi-Shakespearian, with Germaine as Cordelia, and are dreadfully embarrassing. Oh dear. Oh dire. Oh Greer.

Greer is not what she was. But I suppose she will recover. This book is still worth reading. It is a good bad book. Greer is still a bad good person. Aha, one thinks, relieved when she alights on a strong topic like the question of why men in general are so much more sexually confident than women. Her theory is that mothers carefully and dutifully build up their sons' confidence, systematically, daily, whereas fathers, being more erratic creatures, only boost their daughters' sense of lovability sporadically. Greer's next book (if she can bear it) should be about her mother. She can still get debates soaring like nobody else.

A bad smell in the air

PAPERBACKS
James Wood

ROTTEN BOROUGH
The Real Story of Mrs Thatcher's Grantham
By Oliver Anderson
Fourth Estate, £5.95

Oliver Anderson's *Rotten Borough* suggests that over-zealous mercantilism has always been good for satirists. Written in the Thirties, and now reissued to coincide with the first decade of Thatcherism, this spry and sparkling tract comes loaded with those large, ironical resonances that only history can bring. The book was written as a satirical exposé of the Grantham of the 1930s, and in particular, of its municipal dignitaries – the men who sat on the Town Council but really served the Board of Commerce, men heavily unholstered with now-famous virtues – thrift, decency, hard work – but sprung and padded with greed and hypocrisy.

The Grantham of *Rotten Borough* has a tallow factory at its centre which pollutes the air and makes the mere act of drawing breath well-nigh insupportable. Have repeated signed petitions from the inhabitants on the grounds of health and decency done anything to abate the nuisance? They have not. And why? Because the tallow factory belongs to the senior Alderman in the borough, Alderman Fred Twidale.

Anderson's theme is that you cannot worship two altars within one shrine; you can't exchange the modest theology of public service for the graven images of profit and loss. It is a wonderful tale, let down only by Anderson's fondness for pastiching Evelyn Waugh (Anderson will not turn a comic sentence if he can revolve one instead).

But, you will say, this book surely has little to do with the *real* Grantham of the 1930s, the Grantham in which Thatcher grew up, the Grantham that nurtured her father, Alfred Roberts, a man who became a member of the town's aldermanic bench, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. *All one can say is that* the luminaries of Grantham thought that the book had plenty to do with reality, and issued various libel writs. Only three weeks after publication, this fine and funny book was withdrawn from circulation. Things were easier, then, for the tinpot Ayatollahs of Lincolnshire: it is not known whether Oliver Anderson was given police protection.

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Bad Behaviour, by Mary Gaitskill (Sceptre, £3.99) Razor-sharp stories about the dark side of human relationships in American big city melting-pot.

Diamonds of the Night, by Arnost Lustig (Quartet Encounters, £6.95) Stark short stories set in Nazi concentration camps, by leading Czech fiction-writer, the most important (pretty well the only) Jewish writer of Bohemia to have survived the Holocaust.

Flash for Freedom and **Royal Flash**, by George MacDonald Fraser (Fontana, £3.50 each) Larks with Flashman scuttling and chuckling through the motorways of history.

Into the Ebb, by Christopher Rush (Aberdeen University Press, £9.50) The latest collection of poet's stories from the East Neuk of Fife, from couthie kirk session to plenhead gossip.

Wild Justice, by Lesley Grant-Adamson (Faber, £3.99) Fleet Street whodunit featuring a rancorous caste of megalomaniac hacks – how different from the home life of our own civilized scribes.

NON-FICTION

East End 1888, by William J. Fishman (Duckworth, £9.95) Life for the labouring poor a century ago, to cure sentimental nostalgia for Victorian values.

The Interpretation of Early Music, by Robert Donington (Faber, £14.99) New edition, first in paperback, that takes us back as near as possible to the sounds and sweet twangs.

Meminisse Juvabit, selections from the proceedings of the Virgil Society, edited by Fred Robertson (Bristol Classical Press, £9.95) Interesting and influential papers by the choice and master scholars of the wielder of the stateliest measure ever moulded.

The Real Charles, The Man Behind the Myth, by Alan Hamilton (Fontana, £3.95) Behind the gossip, fantasy, and make-believe, the professional's account of the Prince of Wales, done with style and humour – and accuracy.

***The Times* Guide to 1992**, by Richard Owen and Michael Dynes (Times Books, £5.95) Comprehensive handbook to Britain in a Europe without frontiers, giving essential information on an important step on the long march of British history, by two *Times* correspondents, and accordingly reader-friendly as well as authoritative.

Utilitarian Ethics, by Anthony Quinton (Duckworth, £5.95) Clear, concise introduction to Bentham, Mill, their predecessors and critics, with argument and commentary by one of our finest expounders of philosophy.

QUICK LIST

Games people play

NOVEL OF THE WEEK
Philip Howard

THE GROWN-UPS



By Victoria Glendinning
Hutchinson, £11.95

No one is very grown-up or credible in this entertaining story of our contemporary wars of the sexes; especially none of the men. The protagonist, Leo Ulm, is an aging telly-star social philosopher, hero of the flower children of the Sixties, with intimations of McLuhan and Umberto Eco. You can tell that this monster of male chauvinist vanity is a pseud from his vulnerable, little-boy-lost lopsided smile, and the fact that he does not know the names of flowers. He writes Mrs Thatcher's speeches for the 1987 election for her, has a stroke at a royal garden party, and comes to a fishy end on the night of the great storm.

Any number of Leo's circle of female satellites might have helped him on his way, or at at any rate been relieved to be at last rid of his fatal attraction, including several otherwise intelligent women who are besotted by his alleged glamour. There is Charlotte, the elderly former wife he ditched, who is going quietly mad in the cottage across the lake; her long-suffering younger replacement, who is appropriately called Martha; and Martha's two young friends since school, sexy, silly Alice who married Charlotte's and Leo's blind son, and Clara, the one nice and almost grown-up character in the cast.

In case this sounds like what is dismissed as another "woman's novel" of adultery and *Angst* among the Hampstead classes, there are wider perspectives. The political state of the nation is spikily observed. In the decay of approaching death, Charlotte has Apocalyptic and Armaggedon visions. There is the funniest academic interlude since David Lodge's *Nice Work*, at a conference in Washington where Leo has what he hopes is a one-night stand with a French delegate. The gross littleness of domestic life, the flotsam and jetsam of Eighties Britain, are beadily observed against the tides of history outside.

Some of it is highly spiced. The book starts with the modern four-letter equivalent of the sensational old *Green Hat* intro: "Hell, said the duchess." Martha and Leo's little daughter is blackmailed into eating a worm by ghastly visiting children: the book is sharp on the nasty games children of all ages play. Clara, who is sympathetic because she is unsure what to think about things, is said to be more full of vague regrets than a corpse is of worms. This could be indicated less blatantly. The book is funny on such fundamentally funny things as the male genitalia, and masculine fears of sexual inadequacy, and full of traps. Calm Martha, the earth mother, starts drilling holes in deeply frozen chickens, and you realize that she has finally cracked at having to prepare yet another meal for visiting Leo-worshippers.

No one ever knows the whole story. The people on the inside know a few small things, mostly about themselves. The people on the outside know a few big things, from which they draw the wrong conclusions. Nobody quite knows, or dares to ask, what happened to Leo. This is a lively, cleverly constructed and funny tale of the strange ways of men with women, and women with men.

CRIME
Marcel Berlins

private eye Spenser semi-officially involved in seeking a homicidal maniac who kills black women, leaves red roses on the scene, is probably a policeman, and might be a patient of Spenser's shrink girlfriend. The new mellow, responsible Spenser is, regrettably, not as interesting as the edgier version in Parker's earlier books, and there's more than a hint that he's becoming serious. Needs rejuvenating if he wants to stay in the top league.

● **The Sports of Time**, by June Thomson *(Constable £10.95)*. Two old men, friends become enemies, die on the same night in the same house, one apparently of natural causes, the other seemingly not. A household teeming with secrets and guilt, and the moody and perceptive Detective Inspector Finch, pining for his lost love, on hand to unravel and clarify. Thomson is in top claustrophobic form, weaving an intricate absorbing plot with extraordinary guile.

● **Backlash**, by Paula Gosling *(Macmillan, £10.95)*. Return of American 'tec Jack Stryke on trail of systematic police exterminator, his sparky academic lover Kate away at an English conference, and temptation in the form of his new tough-sexy operating partner Dana. Gosling is excellent at the personal/police work *mélange*, and the rising tension as the killer etudes detection is skilfully and grippingly paced.

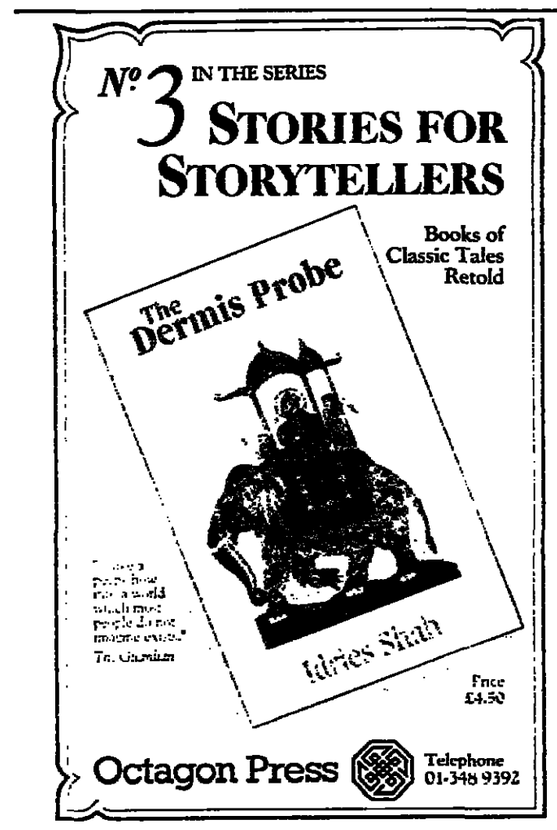
● **The Crime of the Century**, by Kingsley Amis *(Hutchinson £11.95)*. It was a good wheeze at the time, a seven-chapter serial in *The Sunday Times* in which the action stopped after six episodes to allow imaginative readers to send in their own solutions. The murders too are serial, starting with an apparent pattern – young girls and thin-bladed knives – then disintegrating into the random. It's superior hokum and quite fun for its short length – the 140 pages include the winning reader's solution as well as Amis's.

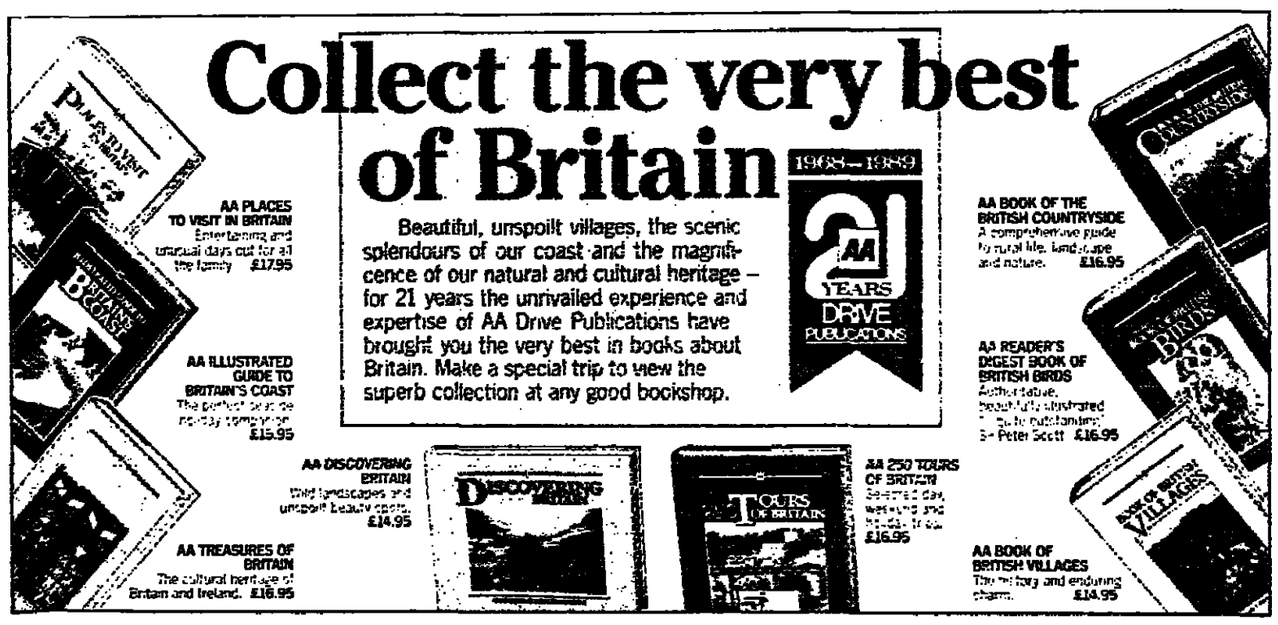
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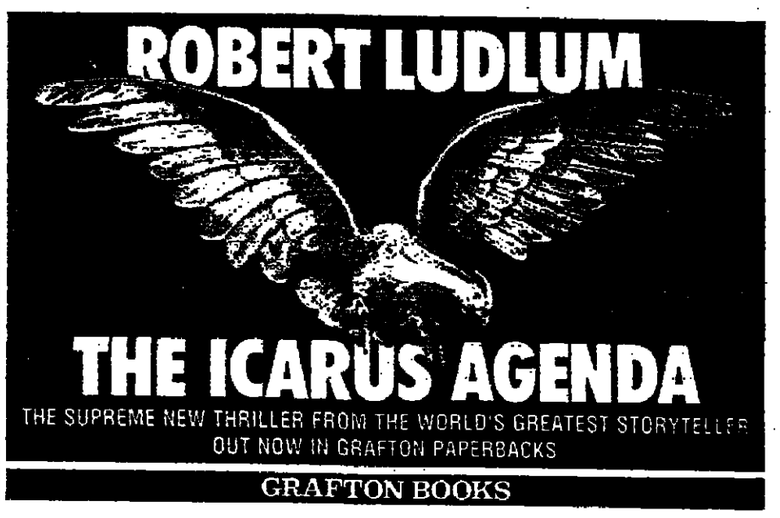
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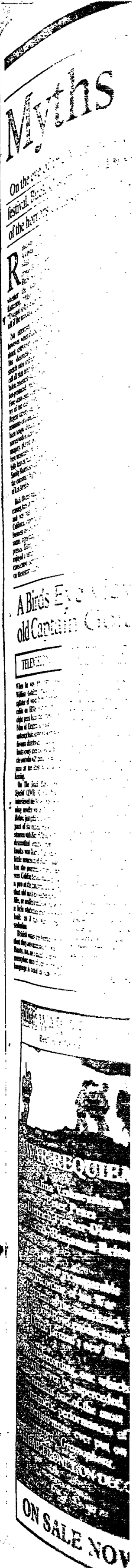
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THE ARTS

Myths of the honky-tonker

On the eve of the Wembley country festival, Buck Owens tells David Toop of the horrors of assembly-line music

Raucous, rebel-rousing. A honky-tonker. That's what they're saying about Buck Owens and Buck is not always sure whether the descriptions are flattering. "Man," he exclaims, "I've got to have an interpreter to tell if the media likes me or not."

No interpreters are needed, however, when Buck starts talking about crossover country music. His description threatens to stretch into infinity. "It's what I call all that ooey-gooey, molasses-laden, assembly-line, machine, robot-produced music," he says. Five years ago, ooey-gooey country of the easy listening, Kenny Rogers variety was erasing the last remnants of a music that had once been tough, direct, full of strong stories with touching, even bizarre imagery, played by some of the best musicians in America. Hillbilly heaven had shifted from the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee to the corporate high-rise buildings of Los Angeles.

Buck Owens had seen all this coming, back in the late Seventies, and was busy in Bakersfield, California, running a successful business operation that included radio, typesetting and printing presses. During the Sixties he enjoyed a remarkable run of 26 consecutive number one singles on the country charts, writing and recording many songs that would become familiar through cover versions by other artists. The Beatles recorded "Act Naturally", Ray Charles recorded "Crying Time", "Together Again" and "I've Got a Tiger by the Tail" and in 1980 "Hot Dog" was a British hit for Shakin' Stevens.

Owens's record sales dipped in the Seventies but his face stayed familiar, too familiar in his own opinion, thanks to a long-running residency on the American television show *Hee-Haw*. His close associate, guitarist Don Rich, was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1974. "For the next few years I think I just went through the motions," Owens says with a sigh. "In retrospect I think I was in shock. Then the *Urban Cowboy* and the country pop rage came along. It was a music I didn't like. I was so sick of what music had turned into. I couldn't compete with that. I tried to compromise and, to be quite blunt, it made me gag."

In 1979 he left the business and convinced himself that he was happy out of it. Then, in 1986, records began to emerge from a new type of country singer whose voices had the plangent timbre of the honky-tonk tradition. The corny choirs, the violins, the prissy rhythm sections were swept aside by fiddles and crying steel guitars. To use the word coined by American writer Nelson George, it was retronuevo. The new young purists such as Dwight Yoakam, Randy Travis and k.d. lang took their references from Hank Williams, Merle Haggard, Kitty Wells and Patsy Cline.



Bucking a trend: country singer Buck Owens, round for the second time

On his second album, Dwight Yoakam, all tight ripped jeans, cowboy hat and boots and gaudy Western jacket in the style of the famous country music tailor Nudie, gave very special thanks to Buck Owens "for all his records that still serve as an inspiration for the California honky-tonk sound." It was Yoakam who persuaded Owens out of retirement.

"That's a true story," Buck

'Bring along earplugs, I never did say I wasn't raucous'

Owens is fond of saying at the tail-end of an anecdote; his own life, though undoubtedly too colourful to be anything other than true, is mythopoeic. It is the kind of life that has been turned into films such as *Coal Miner's Daughter* and *Sweet Dreams*. The Owens family travelled from Sherman, Texas in the early 1930s, when Buck was eight years old, driving away from the Dust Bowl drought towards California. Their car broke down in Mesa, Arizona, and so they settled.

His mother played piano in church, his father played harmonica and his uncles played guitar, but Owens's formative exposure to country music came from listening to the powerful radio stations that broadcast from the Mexican border, beaming out hillbilly music, western swing, Mexican *ranchera*, and, later, rock 'n' roll alongside advertising for quack remedies like goat-gland transplant surgery and a hair dye, Kolorbak, that was found to cause lead poisoning. "We lived up in the mountains," says Buck. "My daddy had an old car radio, if you can believe they made these back in 1938, and he brought it in the house. He would take the battery out of the car and that was our entertainment."

In the summer he would go to California, picking up potatoes, picking peaches and cutting grapes and then return to Arizona for school. "I wore paste board," he says, "and my shoes were linoleum." At the age of 16 he started playing guitar and singing in the small local taverns, eventually moving to Bakersfield.

During those years he also commuted to Los Angeles to play sessions for many Capitol recording artists, including Gene Vincent, Wanda Jackson, Stan Freberg, Tommy Sands and Faron Young. This was a period when producers such as Owen Bradley and Chet Atkins, followed by Billy Sherrill, began adding "sweetening" to recordings of country to broaden its popular appeal. Owens disapproved and in 1965 published his *Pledge to Country Music* which, among other hardline statements, promised: "I shall make no record that is not a country record."

His own wide definition of country developed in rough dancehalls whose owners were prone to fire guns and drive cars through their own doorways. At 60, coming round for the second time, the music born of this apprenticeship still prevails. "Bring your earplugs," he warns. "I never did say I wasn't raucous."

● *Buck Owens appears at Wembley Arena tomorrow as part of the three-day International Festival of Country Music.*

A Birds Eye view of old Captain Golding

TELEVISION

When he was 10 years old, William Golding swallowed a splinter of wood from Nelson's cabin on HMS Victory. Sixty eight years later, the Grand Old Man of English Literature has unkempt hair, snowy whiskers and favours chunky-knit sweaters; he looks every inch the sea captain, the sort who will spin a rip-roaring yarn at the drop of a salted herring.

On *The South Bank Show Special* (LWT) Melvyn Bragg interviewed the Nobel prize winning novelist whose *Fire Down Below*, just published, is the last part of the nautical trilogy that started with *Rites of Passage*. The dramatized extracts from the books were hearty, if at times a little reminiscent of *Black Adder*, but the programme's trump card was Golding himself, making like a pro at the pianoforte, declaring that old age is the golden time of life, or reading from his work with a brio which made everyone else look as if they were under sedation.

British writers are fortunate in that they are surrounded by water. Boats, too, are a useful source of metaphor; much of our everyday language is rooted in sea-faring terminology. Bragg demonstrated with a sudden eruption of timber shivering logorrhoea.

The ship in his trilogy is, Golding freely admitted, a Microcosm of Society, with all the power wrangling and class differences which that implies; it sounded a bit like a high seas version of *Grand Hotel* with period trappings. If ever his status as a novelist had needed assuring, it has certainly been assured now — he has been given the rare accolade of having been interviewed by Bragg *twice*.

The question being addressed in *Through The Keyhole* (Yorkshire TV) was "Who's House Is This?", or, more precisely, "Who's Leatherette Bound Books and China Figurines are These?" Loyd Grossman pointed out clues, while, back in the studio, David Frost looked seriously jet-lagged and a team of quasi-celebrities tried to guess the homeowner's identity.

This would be a British *Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous*, except that the subjects are neither particularly rich nor extremely famous. What would be *really* good would be if Grossman were encouraged to trespass on premises without the owners' knowledge, and *before* they'd had a chance to tidy up.

Anne Billson

Dining out on class conflicts

THEATRE

Dinner
Warehouse, Croydon

Mark Bunyan has come up with an amusing structure for revealing current obsessions with class and food. The bones eventually gain body enough to hint at a play within, but this does not happen until the second half, so that, to use an apt image, most of the meal is starters.

The cast of four — two of each sex — play four married couples living within dining distance of each other. These eight characters are spread across a spectrum of political attitudes, from loftily moneyed Clifford with his Pretoria contacts, to angry veg-eating Lizzy marching against apartheid.

But there is also the social spread, with Clifford's wife Arabella (Sally Faulkner), coming from landed gentry, condescending to nervous David who did go to university but wishes he had not also gone to a grammar school. The same actor, Paul Gregory plays both these types. Jonathan Hackett plays Lizzy's earnest, banner-waving husband (public school and university) as well as Guy, up several notches on the income scale and public school too — but alas not university.

By causing these various couples to meet at dinner tables some sparks fly from the clash of class and conscience — not that the moneyed set indicate much of



Condescending: Sally Faulkner

this. The author's affections are clearly for the political activists, despite their barmy moments — "After the coffee we'll play the Nicaraguan video". But the play ends with them exchanging abuse with the right-wingers, all four of them dressed for the first time in the same grey.

The potential of mealtime conversation eventually runs out and the evening is only saved (and only just) by the party where various couples chat and the couple not chatting clap on masks and utter unspoken thoughts. The contrast between motive and expression is sharp and hilarious, particularly when superior Clifford is attracted to left wing Lizzy (charming performance by Pamela Moiseiwitsch). Her excited burst of "He fancies me! Oh, power! Money!" has to fall victim to the sober "No. South African fruit." Unfortunately, too many of the play's dramatic possibilities are similarly squashed.

Jeremy Kingston

The Lady from the Sea
New End, NW3

Without going so far as to say this play cannot be credibly staged, I have yet to see a production in a theatre that captures both the anguish of the moony heroine and spritely naturalism of the surrounding characters. Furthermore, it is not a play that should be mounted by fringe companies with slender resources.

Ibsen set the action in various parts of a remote fiord, and at various times of the day and night. Steamers are passing on their way to view the midnight sun but this supplies no meteorological precedent for playing the midnight scene — in which the keen-eyed Stranger, awesome as the sea, comes to claim the Lady for his own — as if it took place in a tropical blaze. Nor is a sense of the imprisoning mountain ranges adequately conveyed by a permanent background of purple flats. The only hope is to create poetic effects with lighting.

Biographers and other toilers in the sea of Ibsen studies speak of his psychological perception in this play, ahead of its time (1888) in understanding how obsessions might be cured. Ellida must choose between her dear old husband and the Stranger —known, I fear, as Freeman — to whom she regards herself as symbolically betrothed, and she can only make a valid choice if she acquires the sense of her freedom to do so.

This is all very good and true but the way in which Ibsen organizes his story is bald and mechanical. Tom Scott's production of his own translation for Askelon Productions fails on this tight stage to hide the tricks, and characters pop out of gaps in the purple like toys from a play box. Aletta Lawson's previous roles have included Miss Julie and Mother Courage, in which I trust she did not abide by the rule, stiffness is all. Of the rest, Justine Glenton's interpretation of Boletta gives life to her scenes, suggesting that thoughts formed before words emerged.

J. K.

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Ham from the Pru

We are all heaving a sigh of relief since the Prudential's announcement that it is £40 million better off than expected this year. This will mean there are funds for the newest and richest arts prizes, the £200,000 Prudential Awards for the Arts.

It will also be the most aesthetically cosmopolitan, judging from the entries: the Royal Opera, English Shakespeare and the National Gallery take on the likes of the Snarling Beasties Theatre Company, Geographical Duvet and the Newham Community Mural Project. Prizes include £25,000 for each of the five category winners and £75,000 for the overall laureate.

● It is hard enough being a millionaire author, Ian St James tells me, but being a millionaire author with an idea is something else. Promoting his new £28,000 personally funded short story awards scheme, he gave 125 interviews in 45 towns in 18 days. Life was easier when he was a management consultant called Don Taylor: "If I went into a public toilet, by the time I came out, I would have formed two more companies with the two men on each side of me."

Drama dinner

As arts organizations cast about for more and more exotic and complex ways of attracting sponsorship, the London International Festival of Theatre organizers



Eating for art: Miller and Gowrie

have come up with something novel. Hungary's top theatre company, Katona Josef, is to perform Gogol's *Government Inspector* and Chekhov's *Three Sisters* at the Old Vic, but it will cost £21,000.

To raise the cash, the festival administrator, Julia Rowntree, has organized the ultimate Hungarian dinner — by flying from Budapest the Lagradi Brothers, top Magyar chefs, to cook it. Business people are paying a minimum £100 for a place at table at the St James Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate, in April. At the head will be Lord Gowrie and at his right, Jonathan Miller, the Vic's artistic director.

Simon Tait

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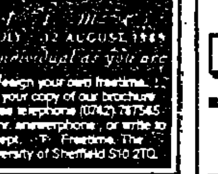
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Siren call of the conch

Michael Watkins finds the Turks and Caicos Islands as relaxed as he could wish



Taking it calmly on Providenciales: a view of the club, showing all the charm of the sleepy islands which are British Crown colonies

Leaving, with barest reluctance, the dreaming spires and marzipan towers of battle-weary Miami, I boarded a clipper for Providenciales, which, in case you are wondering, lies 575 miles south-east of Florida, slightly north of Cuba and Haiti. Abbreviated to "Provo", it is one of a group of eight islands and 40 smaller cays known as the Turks and Caicos, a British Crown colony.

My first impression was of low-lying scrubiness — not unlike an army haircut — ascending dramatically to a central plateau as vertiginous as Wanstead Flats, fringed by superb beaches. This remained my second, third and lasting impression; for, whatever else Provo might offer to tickle the fancy, it is short on surprises. Where else promotes, as a major tourist attraction, a conch farm? Having attended the guided tour, I still needed convincing that the conch leads anything other than a sedentary, uneventful life — the average conch is rather a bore.

At the same time, the conch has a weirdly osmotic effect on Provo, translating its own *laissez faire* attitudes to the island's human population. As a conch will take an age to put on a millimeter in growth, so will an islander take a day and a half to reach any decision beyond that which is ordained by nature. In other words, although he rises in the morning and retires at night with little mental stress, it's the bit in the middle that taxes his powers of ingenuity.

Far from being discommoded by such lethargy, I found it immensely gratifying. The expatriates I met were living out the reality of a dream — which would become eroded only by a population explosion of other dreamers. With irregular airline connections, scarcity of hotel accommodation and building land, their dream tenure remains intact.

But the portents are inauspicious. Cable television has introduced 32 varieties of idiocy at the touch of a switch. Club (Gulag?) Mediterranée brings in groups of 600 to fry their brains in the sun. Sheraton and Ramada have started building hotels. There are plans for a casino. A hitherto unknown species of entrepreneur has alighted, conquistadors armed with Samsonite briefcases and Harvard business degrees. At the Yacht Club I eavesdropped on one such proselytiser preaching that in five years he'd make his fortune and clear out. Someone else told me that all the island needed was a "gimmick" to be as rich as Croesus.

Over breakfast, the Hon Hilly Ewing, Provo's representative on the legislative council, told me: "We can't stand still and we can't go back; so it's tourism. We'll go for broke, the sweet and the sour."

It seemed a valedictory message; so, consistent with the mood, I took my leave, chartering (it's that or swimming) a Piper Seneca for Salt Cay. Flying for an hour, we dipped and swerved over atolls so diaphanous they seemed like huge jellyfish; we landed on a rough coral strand, and the pilot marooned me in emptiness and uncertainty. After a while, someone cycled up, asked me what I wanted, and pedalled off again. Later, drawing a sirocco of dust in its wake, a battered station-wagon drew up. "Sam," announced the driver, shaking my hand with a grip that dislocated a couple of unimportant bones. "We'd heard on the radio you were coming some time. Did you bring the fish?" What fish, I asked. "Red Snapper," Sam replied. "Your supper."

I'll try to explain how happy I was on Salt Cay. Bermudian salt rakers settled the island in 1673; but today the salt ponds are abandoned, made obsolete by refrigeration. It reminded me of the outer Scottish islands, very poor, with low white-washed cottages speckling a land area of two miles by three-and-a-half. Inhabitants total 236, including Sandy Leggatt, a Glaswegian, the sole white man. Shipwrecked in 1967, he liked what he saw and did something very sensible: he married a local widow, Mistress Been, and settled. He fixes things, he said, paints all the signs and does a lot of reading. Their walls are hung with brightly coloured pictures of the Lord Jesus; and Sandy wore a much sweated sweat-shirt covering the convexity of his 70-year-old paunch. One fine day he'll go back to take a final look at Glasgow; but I know and he knew I knew that no day will be quite fine enough.

Sam and Bonnie, his wife, gave me a room at Windmills; a large, airy room over-looking the sea, the colours of which have not yet found their way into the English language. After supper, we scrunched the station-wagon (there are no made-up roads) to Leon's Bar, where we played pool to the accompaniment of dominoes slammed viciously on to a table.

There are five churches and about six family homes on the cay; everyone is related. Even the dogs look alike. There's talk about starting up the salt ponds again, but I don't imagine anyone seriously believes it. Oh, I expect people gossip; there'll be whiffs of hocus-pocus; but I loved this place so much I just don't want to think about that. When Sam and Bonnie saw me off on the six-minute hop to Grand Turk, we looked at each other and said how much we liked each other. People don't do that often; perhaps we should.

Grand Turk turned out to be not at all grand. Mind you, I stayed only one night; but I couldn't see any shops. There must be a supermarket somewhere, I suppose. There were some pretty, faded colonial-built houses, with pink corrugated tin roofs. Beyond the coral reef is the "Wall", which falls to a depth of 4,000 feet, spectacular for scuba-diving, they say; but I had time only to collect myself for dinner.

I'd been asked to dine at Government House, the invitation — embossed with the royal coat of arms — stipulated "informal"; so I chanced my arm, leaving my tie behind. None of the men wore a tie and I sat on the right of His Excellency's wife, Patricia Bradley. I said that I felt the islands were waiting for something to happen, a benign American invasion perhaps — though just as threatening, in its way, as the Marine Corps wading ashore from landing barges.

She replied very gently, so that I sensed she loved the place too: "You should stay longer and explore the under-currents."

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London's most luxurious hotels have been hardest hit by falling tourist numbers, a new report says. To find reasonably priced hotels, people are increasingly having to look outside the city centre.

Although the number of overseas visitors to Britain rose last year by 1.4 per cent to 15.66 million, the number visiting the capital fell by 0.1 million to 9.2 million. And tourist spending in London last year fell by £60 million to £3,500 million.

The report, from management consultants Pannell Kerr Forster Associates, says: "The relative expense of London's four and five-star hotels has been highlighted recently in two surveys that bestow on them the dubious honour of being the most expensive, and second most expensive, hotels within their groups in the world." Not all hotels confirm the report's findings. At The Ritz, for example, there has been no downturn in overseas visitors. Food and beverage director Andrew Coy said: "It is British visitors, people like you and me celebrating an anniversary, whose business is 2 per cent slower this year. Our American visitors are coming in about the same numbers as last year, and we are seeing more Australians."

The fashion for upgrading many of the capital's hotels through expensive refurbishments is increasing competition at the top, and reducing the stock of affordable budget accommodation. The Dorchester is currently closed for a £72 million renovation, and the Langham, formerly an hotel and for many years used as offices by the BBC, is due to re-open as an hotel next year after a £50 million restoration.

Hoteliers in locations where trade is more seasonal will envy London managers their average occupancy rate of 77 per cent. But if hotels are to continue to prosper, they will have to improve their image as employers and pay their staff better, the report says. "Hotels require people, both for operation and personality. The decline in the number of young people coming into employment in the 1990s is something that must be addressed now."

It predicts that flexible working hours and the provision of child-care facilities will be an integral part of the solution.

● Outlook In The Hotel And Tourism Industries — London Trends 1989, *£25 from Pannell Kerr Forster Associates (01-831 7393).*

Jump to it

Straight from the horse's rider's mouth — racing journalist and former steeplechase jockey Lord Oaksey tells a tale of the Grand National's most famous fence in *What's Happening in Britain.* Becher's Brook, he recounts, was named for a rider called Captain Becher who, 150 years ago, failed to clear a stream at the landing side of the sixth fence. He was afterwards heard to remark that he never realized water tasted so foul without brandy. The first issue of the new monthly magazine is in newsagents now and costs £2.

● *Two thousand new luggage trolleys will bring Heathrow's trolley strength up to 9,200 when they begin service on April 11. In addition to the airport's own staff in grey and blue uniforms who are to volunteer to help passengers who are disabled, elderly or travelling with young children (they are not allowed to accept tips), a new Skycap service will offer porterage at £5 for carrying "any number of bags within reason". Skycap uniforms will be red and grey.*

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Shona Crawford Poole
Travel Editor

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TRAVEL

Playing away

Philippa Toomey takes a trip to New York and Washington and finds that the cities are a stage

There were 23 of us giving our regards to Broadway on a week-long London Arts Discovery Tour for a week in November. For some years this company has brought American groups to Britain to enjoy the best of our theatre, and this was its first venture the other way across the Atlantic.

The sky tipped half an inch of rain on us as we arrived at the Hotel Dorset in West 54th Street, handy for Fifth Avenue and Broadway. From then on, New York was at its brilliant, sparkling best.

An orientation trip by bus took us up to the upper West side to see the Cathedral of St John the Divine, still unfinished. It is a magnificent and numinous place, with stained glass containing some odd items (such as the advent of television, great generals and their battles). Buy your own gargoyle in the Cathedral shop.

First stop on the way to the theatre was the Museum of Broadcasting at East 53rd Street. The museum, in the old Stork Club, was created in 1975 by William Paley, founder of CBS. It has a collection of more than 40,000 items from radio and television, and you can watch a favourite show with your own screen and headset. Early television went out live, as was rudely demonstrated by a CBS camera appearing abruptly in the background of Maurice Evans's *Macbeth* in 1949.

That evening we saw *M Butterfly* by David Henry Hwang — a dazzling evening, finishing up with a discussion with the actors on how they had accomplished this difficult and brilliant play which opens here next month with Anthony Hopkins.

Tuesday morning saw the first discussion meeting with tour leader Michael Billington, theatre critic of *The Guardian*. We were all theatre buffs, and these talks were, to me, a most enjoyable and valuable part of the tour.

On to the Museum of Modern Art, and the rest of the day was free to range the shops and museums — the Metropolitan and Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim, where the museum sometimes seems the masterpiece rather than the exhibits. The evening saw us at Stephen Sondheim's 1988 Tony award-winning *Into The Woods*, a musical which takes a number of old fairy tales and gives them the Sondheim touch. There was an expertly played brat of a Red Riding Hood and a domestic Cinderella who couldn't adjust to being a princess.

Wednesday offered an unexpected treat, when the Museum of Broadcasting put on a special performance of Sondheim's *Evening Primrose*, a 1960s television musical with a spooky little story starring Anthony Perkins. Then it was on to a matinée of *Legs Diamond*, the only new, big Broadway musical of 1988. It was still in preview after some months, for reasons which became instantly apparent: the dancing was splendid, the scenery was marvellous and the star, Peter Allen, well known and loved in America . . . but he was also the writer for the music and lyrics, and he was terrible. The play finally foundered in mid-February.

Off to *Coriolanus*, which had just opened at the Public Theatre in Greenwich Village, with Christopher Walken in the title role and Irene Worth as his mother. It was directed by Steven Berkoff in the black leather and grievous bodily harm manner, on a stage empty but for a dozen elegant black chairs. I found it fascinating, if chilly; others baled out at half-time. It was quite a day.

Thursday was Thanksgiving, and those not sleeping in turned out to watch a real piece of American tradition, Macy's Parade on Broadway.

On Friday we went to Washington by Amtrak. A brisk whizz round the city ended in a private tour of the Folger Shakespeare Library, where we saw bits of a rehearsal at the Elizabethan theatre (seating only 275) and were allowed to look at some of the treasures, including the prompt copy for John Barrymore's *Hamlet* in 1923 (almost nothing left of Polonius or the Player King) and Henry VIII's copy of Cicero.

The River Inn, where we stayed, was only 200 yards from the Foggy Bottom Metro stop and a matter of minutes into the city centre. *Anything Goes*, the Cole Porter musical starring Leslie Uggams, was the entertainment for the evening. On Saturday at the Arena Stage, Zelda Fichandler, its founder, producing director and powerhouse talked to us for an hour. The theatre had a hard time of it when it was founded 30 years ago, but it now has three stages offering a repertory of the best and newest.

TRAVEL NOTES

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SKI REPORT

The restricted range of decent skiing throughout the Alps makes waiting for the most popular lifts inevitable. Although the weather is likely to continue on the cold side, and unsettled, there is little prospect of the heavy falls of snow that are needed to open up the lower slopes again.

For the first time this winter, the best snow has been falling in the Cairngorms. The Alps have been covered by a mild, rather cloudy air stream, which produced a little snow at higher levels and a continuing thaw lower down. Although it turned colder on Thursday, there was not enough snow to repair the damage.

In France, at resorts like La Plagne and Méribel, the best skiing is above 2,000m. The same story applies in Switzerland at Verbiers and Crans Montana. In some places curtains and screens have been erected to protect the snow on the drag lifts from the sun. Austria has much the same conditions, but good snow can be found at lower altitudes At Saalbach there are decent spring conditions above 1,500m. The slopes have not been crowded.

W.J. Burroughs

● *The ski season on the travel pages ends this week. For information about next season's brochures and early booking offers, don't miss the weekly Travel News column.*

TRAVEL BOOKS

● ***Blueprint France*** **(Berlitz, £9.95) is a lively, lucid guide to the country that attracts the *largest number of independent* travellers from Britain. Like its sister volume *Blueprint Italy*, it mixes history, culture, gastronomy and the mundane practicalities of getting about with a refreshingly head-on view of the natives: "Behind its carefully constructed, grouchy façade, this race of perpetual malcontents clearly believes that France is the most splendid place on earth." A road atlas, and mapped leisure routes, are printed in colour, as are *the many illustrations*.**

● ***The Seasoned Traveller*****, (Christopher Helm, £7.95) by Carol Wright, who is exactly that, suggests where to go in Europe in any month of the year: in April "the Greek islands are already as green and warm as an English summer's day", and "in southern Europe one can eat out of doors". It makes a companion volume to the expanding selection of city and short-break brochures with their cheap flights and inexpensive packages in the "shoulder months". That is travel trade jargon for the least popular seasons for holidays.**

● ***The Holiday Which? Guide To France*** **(Hodder and Stoughton, £9.95) is particularly useful for its descriptions of places to stay. A new, revised edition has just been published.**

Shona Crawford Poole

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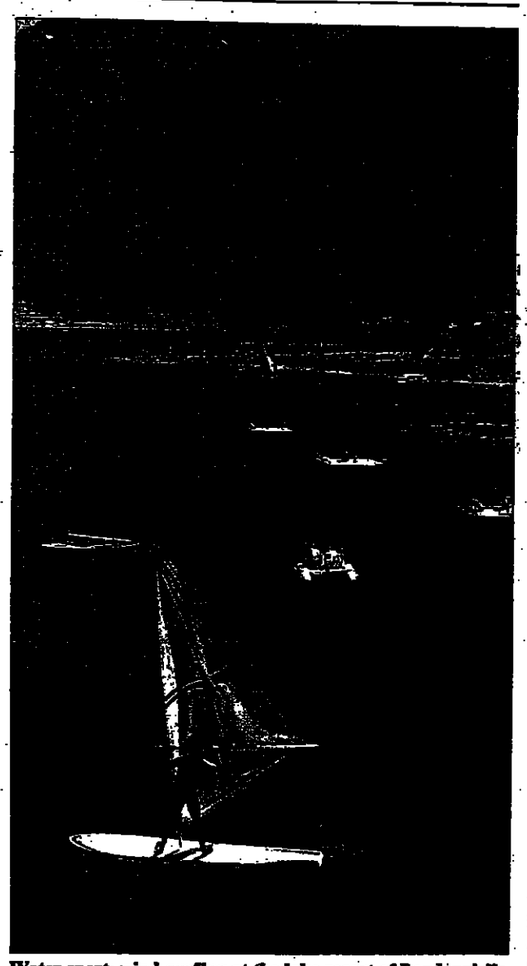
TRAVEL

Making tracks for the high life

There is a world of a difference between the French side of the Pyrenees and the Spanish. Nicholas Brett and family went camping and followed the sun



The high road: pony-trekking on the Cirque de Gavarnie in the French Pyrenees. The weather can be unpredictable, but on a clear day the views are magnificent, with little to disturb the peace



Water sport: wind-surfing at the lake resort of Loudenvielle





Leafy backwaters: the waterfall of Latour and the village of Haute Bigorre, nestling in a mountain valley. This is ideal country for bird-watching, or simply taking in French life in the clear air

Deirdre, the American, rolled her eyes and shook her star-spangled head. "Couchette." She hissed the word as though scraping it up from the floor of a parrot's cage. She had apparently just experienced an Italian-style couchette – two nights tossed about on some giant compartmental matiress, sharing limited garlicky air-space with total strangers. She was a clean girl who smelt nice. Evidently, for someone from New Canaan, Connecticut, this was the closest she had been to Skid Row.

It was hardly what we wanted to hear. We had just missed the deadline for booking superior sleeping arrangements and were about to find our family of four spread between two couchettes on French Railways' Motorail service from Boulogne to Toulouse. As it turned out, any awkwardness about sleeping with strangers was swept away in the excitement of we're-all-in-this-together. We were all intrepid Britons, off on our *summer* holidays. Each of us had our own bunk, with sheets and blankets. No one had eaten garlic.

For the family abroad on a modest budget, the couchette is worth considering seriously. By the time we reached our destination – St Lary-Soulan in the High Pyrenees – our car had carried us 170 miles. The train had done the rest. Over the nights that followed, the wisdom of our choice was confirmed. Around dusk, the caravan convoys would arrive, sweeping and lurching into the campsite like exotic junks. We would watch as children spilled out of rear doors, their legs asleep, their cheeks streaked from the rows on the road. The men would unstick their shorts from a day of sitting on scorched vinyl upholstery, and stand about together, like wise sea captains, swapping tales of the traffic in Lourdes or the puncture near Tarbes.

While their mates and crew fetched water and struck camp, we watched like royalty from our Eurocamp emplacement. Eurocamp, a Cheshire firm, is the market leader in "soft" camping. Its red and green tents, like huge Wendy houses, pepper the French countryside, each complete with beds (with their own mattresses!), fridges, electric lights, cooker, cutlery and crockery.

Whereas some of the coastal sites teem, as you might expect (watch out for the give-away brochure words of "fun" and "lively" when choosing a site), ours had generous emplacements set among trees. The d'Aure bubbled past our doorstep, shallow and quick-flowing with the pied and grey wagtails hopping and hovering on the great glacial boulders that broke the current. As befits a "family" site (more brochures), lights were doused about 10pm and the only sound to break the silence was the "zuup, zuup, zuup" of the many zips that axe the camper's lot.

The resort of St Lary was a few kilometres away, a gigantic cuckoo-clock of a place that probably looks cute in winter with some snow and brightly-clad skiers. In summer it seemed undressed: a commercialized blot on the landscape where you half expected to be accosted by Heidi's yodelling grandfather. And although the snow kept away, the August weather was enough to test even an Englishman's enthusiasm for conversation on all things wet and windy.

'There were times when we took to the car, the heater, and the bird books'

Woe betide those of us caught picnicking beside some circuitous High Pyrenean road when the mists arrived. There were times when we took to the car, the heater, and the bird books, while our young daughters in macs and sou'westers frolicked outside, blown about like pieces of yellow litter.

Fortunately, we had stumbled upon an answer in Jock Sturrock's excellent book, *The French Pyrenees* (Faber and Faber, £4.95). Like some wise old geography teacher, Sturrock reminded us that the Westerlies dumped their moisture on the French side of the Pyrenees and then passed on dry and warm into Spain.

When the bad weather set in, we headed south and upwards on the road out of St Lary. A short drive away is the Tunnel de Bielsa, a three-kilometre road tunnel that takes you under the mountains into Spain.

It is like stepping back through the wardrobe from frozen Narnia: you enter, damp and miserable, and pop out blinking at the swathes of sunshine. Nor is the transformation merely climatic; while the French Pyrenees are green-pastured and sparkling with mountain flowers, the Spanish side is harsh and parched and craggy.

Here, you imagine, they could make spaghetti westerns and then around the bend, almost on cue, are some of the actors – Spanish border guards in dusty, curry-coloured uniforms and, judging by their afternoon shadows, without even one rusty razor blade among them. But on a clear French day you could see for miles. On one of them we had stopped beside an unmade road to watch two golden eagles gliding in warm currents. Behind and high above us, two hang-gliders stepped into the blue, flirting with the eagles before dropping downwards to our eventual destination – the tiny lakeside resort of Loudenvielle.

And on another such day we took the high and winding road that linked our valley with that of the neighbouring Adour. We lingered 5,000 feet up at the Col d'Aspin to take in the view and watch French life go by: the cows and sheep with their tinkling bells, hard at work chewing the cud to produce *vache* and *fromage de brebis* for some Pyrenean table; away to our left the sunlight catching the radio mast on the huge Pic du Midi de Bigorre, where the day before, we were told, they had had snow; nothing to disturb the peace, but the occasional brightly bedecked cyclist whistling past us, legs pumping, onwards and downwards.

Onwards was the valley of the Lesponne, a delightful leafy backwater and another Sturrock recommendation, where we picnicked and watched some black redstarts going about their business, and the caves of Médous, where a remarkably pious guide likened every stalactite and stalagmite to the Virgin and child. It was here that I got into a terrible pickle, misreading the French sign "Don't forget your guide" as "Don't lose your guide". Fearing that we were about to enter a particularly difficult grotto, I chivvied the children so enthusiastically that we tumbled over the guide who, waiting for his tip, had stopped in the gloom with hand stretched out. My eight-year-old daughter took the opportunity to shake it.

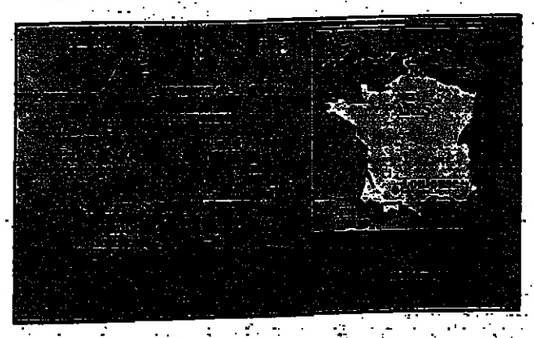
If St Lary was a garish disappointment, it did prove an excellent stopping-off point. Twenty kilometres away was Arreau, a beautiful French town with old stone, and some half-timbered buildings, all with steeply pitched grey slate roofs in the style of the region.

Here, the four rivers of the area come together and the town is an attractive maze of bridges and riverside walks. Here, too, at the Hotel d'Angleterre, we tried M. Aubiban's excellent *garbure*, a thick mutton soup, and some cold Jurançon, which as legend has it, was drunk at the baptism of Henry IV.

And while it is a miracle that anyone ventures into congested Lourdes these days, Bagnères-di-Bigorre, the spa town much loved by Napoleon, is well worth a visit.

Again we thanked Sturrock the chronicler for the story of an Englishman abroad in the 1830s who, taking great exception to a partisan account of the Battle of Toulouse in a book in Bagnères library, decided to set the record straight.

His corrective scribblings sparked off a duel to the death, with the Englishman triumphing in what must have been "one of the few duels that can ever have been fought for the sake of a marginal note".



TRAVEL NOTES

- Getting there: French Railway's Motorail service leaves Boulogne Fridays (May 19 to October 13) at 7.45pm and arrives Toulouse 7.45am. Second-class return ticket for car and driver £287; additional adult £68; children (aged 4 to 11) £34. Second-class couchettes £8 a person per journey; three-berth cabin £25 a person.
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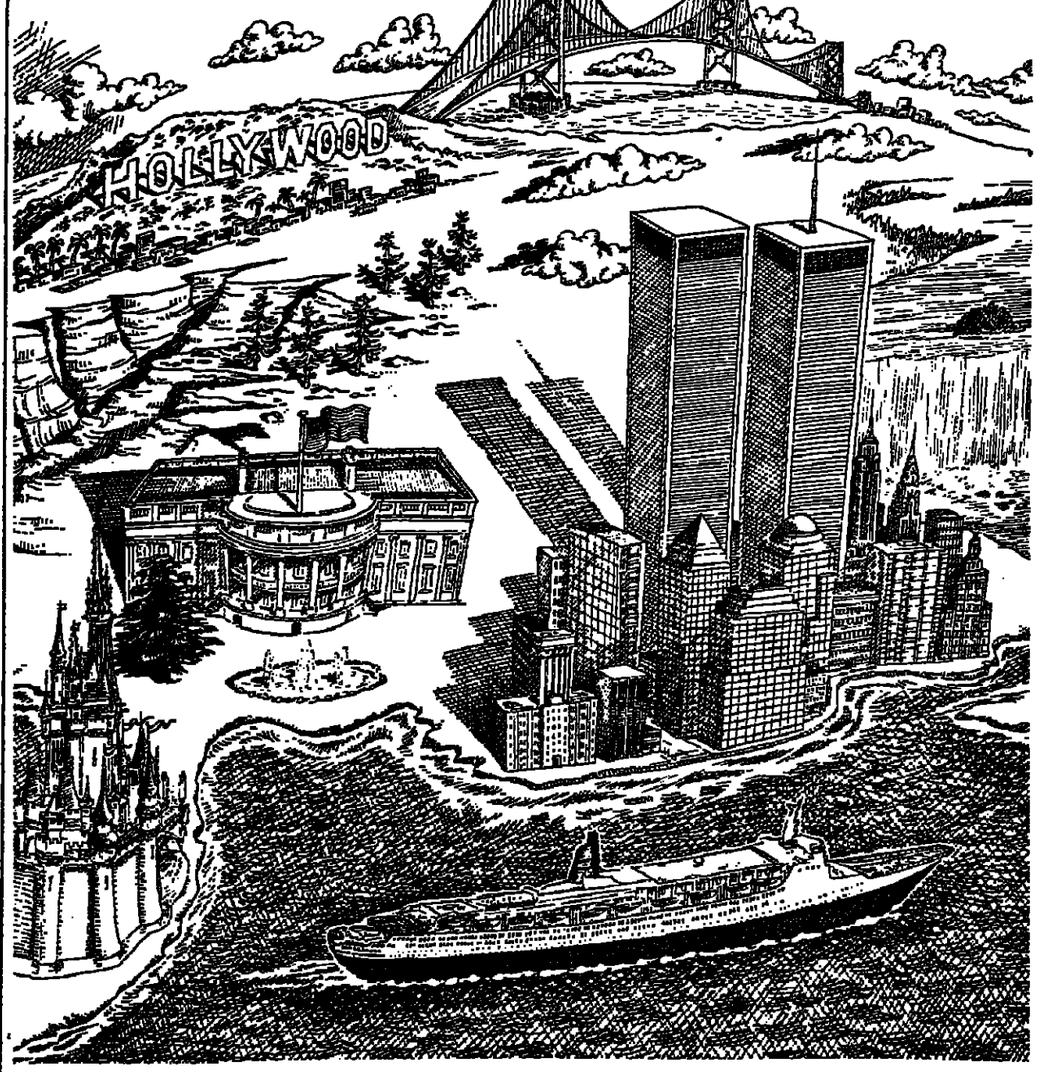
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THE WEEK AHEAD

THEATRE

LONDON

FASCINATING AIDA — A FAREWELL TO SEQUINS: Final appearance of the trio of musical satirists, Adele Anderson, Dillie Keane and Denise Wharmby.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Previews Tues, Wed. Opens Thurs.

THE MARCH ON RUSSIA: New play by David Storey, directed by Lindsay Anderson. Bill Owen and Constance Chapman re-assume the roles of a (now retired) miner and his wife from Storey's *In Celebration*, 20 years ago.
Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Previews from Fri. Opens Apr 6. In repertory.

TEASER — THE STORY OF A STRIPPER: Mick Yates's 1984 study of a part-time striptease performer. Directed for Great Eastern Stage by Amanda Parker. With Katherine Fry.
Gate Theatre Club, above Prince Albert pub, 11 Pembridge road, W11 (01-229 0706). Opens Tues.

OUT OF TOWN

CAMBRIDGE: National Student *Drama Festival*: 34th such competition/showcase, featuring 12 new works among the 21 in total, presented at nine venues. Everything from a one-man show to a musical with 53 in the company. Sponsored by *The Sunday Times*.
Details from ADC Theatre (0223 359547). Opens Thurs. Until Apr 6.

CAMBRIDGE: The Late Christopher Bean: Touring production of Emlyn Williams's 1930s version of a French comedy by René Fauchois.
Arts (0223 352000). Opens Mon.

LEICESTER: *M. Butterfly*: British premiere of David Hwang's Broadway award-winner. John Dexter directs Anthony Hopkins, Lynn Farleigh, Tsai Chin, G.G. Goei. Transfers to West End.
Haymarket (0533 539797). Previews today, Mon. Opens Tues.

LIVERPOOL: No Holds Bard: The Royal Liver Shakespeare Company present Michael Starke and Andrew Schofield with an irreverent collection of excerpts from Shakespeare's works. Touring.
Everyman (051 709 4776) Preview Wed (50p). *Opens Thurs.*

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: A Midsummer Night's Dream: Main house season opens with John Caird's production. John Carlisle, Clare Higgins, David Troughton, Richard McCabe.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 11. In repertory.

FILMS

WORKING GIRL (15): Attractive, lighthearted social satire from director Mike Nichols, with Melanie Griffith as the Staten Island secretary who zooms up the Wall Street ladder. With Harrison Ford, Sigourney Weaver. Nominated for six Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actress.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111), from Fri.

NICKY AND GINO (15): Openly *sentimental drama about the bond* between two brothers — medical student Ray Liotta and mentally retarded Tom Hulce. With Jamie Lee Curtis; directed by Robert M. Young.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631), from Fri.

FILMS ON TV

GANDHI (1982): Richard Attenborough's polished and painstaking biopic, winner of several Oscars including one for Ben Kingsley's skilful portrayal of the martyred Indian leader.
BBC1, Mon, 7.30-10.30pm.

EDUCATING RITA (1983): Willy Russell's comic fable about an Open University student and her alcoholic tutor, beautifully played by Julie Walters and Michael Caine, and directed by Lewis Gilbert.
BBC1, Fri, 9.30-11.20pm.

MIDNIGHT COWBOY (1969): Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman as the odd couple adrift in New York in John Schlesinger's gripping study of loneliness and survival.
BBC2, Fri, 11.20pm-1.15am.

TELEVISION

COMEBACK: Anton Rodgers as a *failed suicide trying to rebuild his* life in a hospital ward in David Ambrose's funny-tragic drama, based on a real case. Stephen Dillon and Geoffrey Chater play fellow-patients.
ITV, Mon, 10.30pm-12.20am.

THE GIFT: *Play on One* by Colin MacDonald about two young Scottish footballers hoping to make the big time. Look out for Tommy Docherty, playing a harassed manager, and another soccer legend, Jim Baxter, as himself.
BBC1, Tues, 9.30-10.45pm.

ARENA: A profile of the Russian-born architect Berthold Lubetkin, best known for the Penguin Pool at London Zoo and a fierce champion of modernism.
BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.20pm.

RADIO

THE PRICE: American stars *Richard Dreyfuss and Amy Irving* are joined by Timothy West in the first radio production of Arthur Miller's play about estranged brothers who see the death of their father as a means of reconciliation.
Radio 4, Mon, 8.15-10.15pm.

GOODNIGHT TO FLAMBORO: Martyn Wade's dramatization of the short but productive life of the Yorkshire composer William Baines, killed by TB at the age of 23. He is played by Douglas Hodge, with Anne Stallybrass and David Calder as his parents.
Radio 3, Tues, 7.30-9pm.

LORD NELSON EXPECTS: Documentary about a seven-day voyage in the *Lord Nelson*, a training ship specially designed for the physically handicapped.
Radio 4, Thurs, 7.20-8pm.

Designer Cocktail



Writer-director Robert Towne (above, right) who won an Oscar for his script for *Chinatown*, returns with a new film, *Tequila Sunrise*, a heady cocktail of drug dealing, buddy love and glossy backgrounds. Seven years ago, the project was slated for Warren Beatty, then ran aground. Now Mel Gibson (above, left) has landed the main part of Dale McKussic — a middle-man in the drugs trade, anxious to leave the business. Helping to complicate matters are Kurt Russell, a high school chum recently promoted to lieutenant in the narcotics division, and Michelle Pfeiffer, a restaurant owner caught in the crossfire. The film may not have the originality of *Chinatown*, but at least it takes Towne back to the crime beat after his 1982 directing debut, *Personal Best*. Towne had hoped to follow *Personal Best* with a *Chinatown* sequel, *Two Jakes*, but that, too, hit problems: Paramount pulled the plug after one day of shooting in 1985. *Tequila Sunrise* opens in London at the Warner West End (01-439-0791), on Friday. *Geoff Brown*

ROCK

NEW ORDER: Introspective, "Blue *Monday" giants of the Indie scene.*
Tonight, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000); tomorrow, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133).

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL *OF COUNTRY MUSIC:* *Annual* gathering of the old country clans, including: today, Tammy Wynette, Boxcar Willie and Bobby Bare; tomorrow, Buck Owens and Keith Whitley; Mon, Waylon Jennings, Jessi Colter and Townes Van Zandt.
Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

LUTHER VANDROSS: Arguably the top soul voice of the late Eighties. Wed, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Thurs, for six nights, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234).

JAZZ

LONDON JAZZ COMPOSERS ORCHESTRA: Avant-garde *improvisation from Evan Parker*, Howard Riley and colleagues.
London Jazzhaus, Duke of Wellington, London N1 (01-240 0083) tonight.

TOMMY FLANAGAN: Leading his *own trio after years with Ella* Fitzgerald.
Band On The Wall, Manchester (061 832 6625) Thurs; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) Fri; Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747). *From Apr 3.*

KENNY DAVERN: Return of the American swing clarinettist, co-founder of Soprano Summit.
Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 8722) tonight, Wed, Fri.

JAZZ WARRIORS: All-black, high-velocity big band with soloists including trumpeter Harry Beckett.
Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh (072885 3543) tonight.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WORK: Brian Griffin's stunning examination of the development over recent years of London's Broadgate site.
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London, WC2 (01-930 1552).

ON THE EDGE OF A CITY: Painting by Ken Currie and photographs by Chris Killip recording the decline of *the north east of England in the last* decade.
Manchester City Art Gallery, Princess St, Manchester (061 236 9422).

GALLERIES

PAST AND PRESENT: Copies and interpretations of old master compositions by contemporary painters who acknowledge a debt *to tradition: featuring sketches by,* among others, Leon Kossoff, Frank Auerbach, Dennis Creffield and John Lessore.
Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum (041 357 3929). From today.

STEPHEN WILTSHIRE: Remarkable detailed architectural drawings by a 14-year-old autistic boy who works from memory.
Graves Art Gallery, Sheffield (0742 734781). From today.

THE FALKLANDS FACTOR: Paintings, photographs and cartoons inspired by the South Atlantic war, with a leaning towards satire and pacifism rather than glorification.
Wolverhampton Art Gallery (0902 3112032). From Fri.

JIM DINE: *New paintings, sculpture* and graphic work.
Waddington Galleries, London W1 (01-437 8611). From Thurs.

INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR: A four-day art jamboree with 100 major galleries showing their best.
London Olympia (01-486 1951). From Thurs.

JOHN BELLAMY: Recent paintings and watercolours.
Fischer Fine Art, London SW1 (01-839 3942). From Fri.

SIMON PACKARD: Large woodcuts and small watercolours depicting animals by a recent Royal College printmaking graduate.
Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London W1 (01-409 3599). From Tues.

DANCE

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: A three-week London season opens with Ashley Page's new *Soldat*, to Stravinsky's suite from *A Soldier's Tale*, with Cunningham's *Septet* and Richard Alston's *Strong Language*.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916). From Wed until Apr 15.

SCOTTISH BALLET: Further performances of Oleg Vinogradov's new interpretation of *Petrushka*, on a Stravinsky bill with Scottish Opera's *Oedipus Rex*.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234). Tonight, Tues, Thurs and Apr 1.

ROYAL BALLET: Three performances of MacMillan's *Romeo and Juliet*.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066). Mon, Wed, Thurs.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Revivals of Jonathan Miller's productions of *Don Giovanni* (tonight and Thurs at 7pm) and *The Turn of the Screw* (Fri, 7.30pm) with Jane Glover conducting the Mozart and Peter Robinson the Britten. On Wed and Sat, Apr 1, further performances of David Pountney's affectionate new *Falstaff with Benjamin Luxon in the* title role.
Coliseum, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight at 6.30pm sees the opening of the final revival of Visconti's classic production of *Don Carlo*, with cast led by Dennis O'Neill, Katia Ricciarelli and Samuel Ramey. *Richard Armstrong conducts* the work for the first time at Covent Garden. Also on Tues and Fri.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

SCOTTISH OPERA: New production double-bill of Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex*, rarely staged, and Scottish Ballet's *Petrushka*. Graeme Jenkins conducts cast including Alberto Remedios and Anne-Marie Owens. Tonight, Tues and Thurs at 7.15pm.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (061 331 1234).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: On tour to Oxford with Giles Havergal's vivacious interpretation of *Seraglio*, and the company's stalwart *La Boheme* revival, with Frances Ginsberg as Mimi.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544).

CONCERTS

CHRISTIAN ZACHARIAS: Unusually, this pianist starts with C P E Bach's Sonata in A minor, continues with Beethoven's Sonata Op 31 No 2 "Tempest," Schumann's *Fantasiestücke* Op 12 and Chopin's Scherzo No 2.
The Maltings, Snape, Suffolk (072 885 3543). Tomorrow, 3pm.



BOULT TRIBUTE: *In the presence* of the Prince of Wales, Andrew Davis conducts the Philharmonia in Walton's *Crown Imperial* March, Vaughan Williams's Symphony No 6 and, with Ida Haendel as soloist, Elgar's Violin Concerto — all this in tribute to the late Sir Adrian Boult (above).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues, 7.30pm.

IGOR OISTRAKH: The distinguished Soviet violinist plays Bach's Sonata BWV 1020, neBeethoven's Sonata Op 12 No 3, Tchaikovsky's Meditation, Waxman's *Carmen* Fantasy, all with Natalia Zertsalova at the piano.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tues, 7.45pm.

SVIATOSLAV RICHTER: In the second of his two London recitals the great Russian pianist performs sonatas by Mozart and études by Chopin.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Wed, 7.45pm.

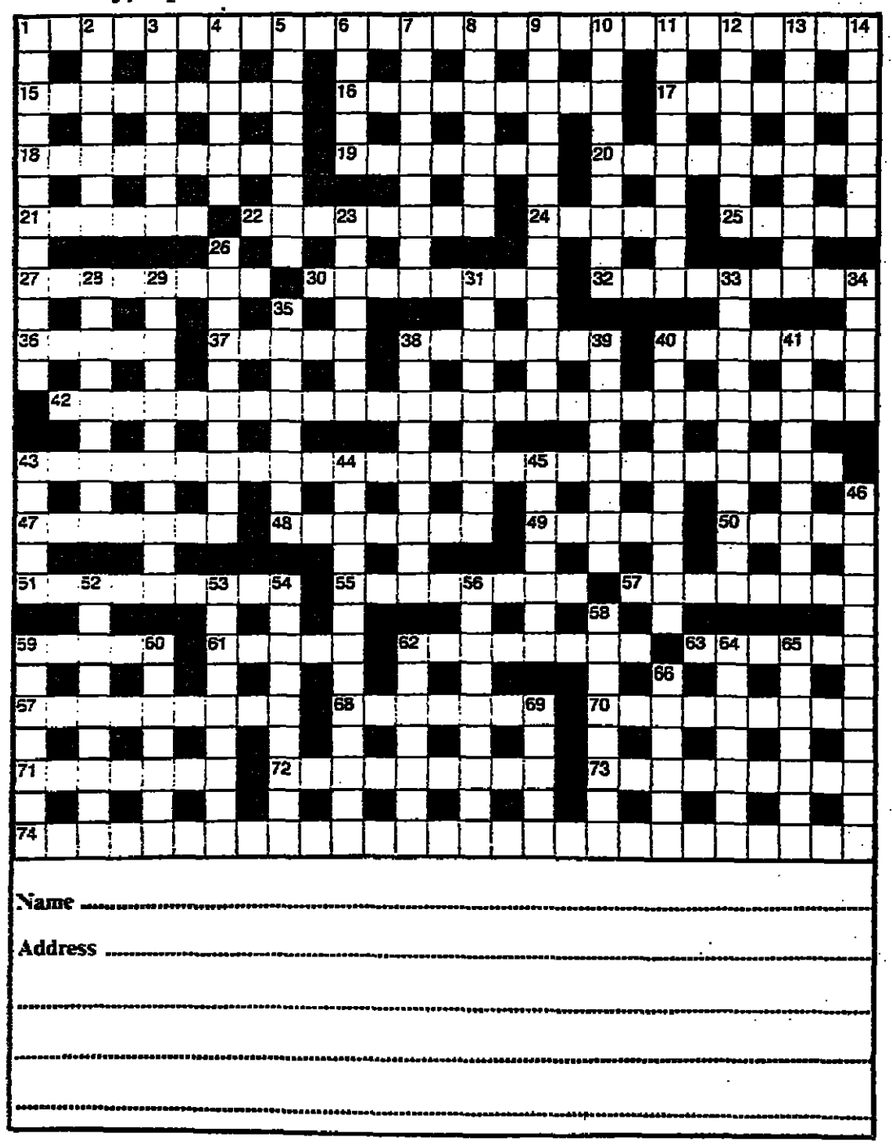
BRENDEL'S BRAHMS: More great pianism as Alfred Brendel solos in Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1 with the RPO under Sir Charles Groves. Later Sir Charles conducts Elgar's Symphony No 1.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800). Thurs, 7.30pm.

DE PEYER PLAYS: Mátyás Seiber's Divertimento and John Ireland's Fantasy-Sonata for clarinet and piano are heard from Gervase de Peyer with Gwenneth Pryor at the piano, then de Peyer is joined by the Allegri Quartet for Sir Arthur Bliss's Clarinet Quintet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141). Thurs, 7.30pm.

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Television, Radio and Films on TV: Peter Waymark

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday, April 10. Entries should be sent to The Times Easter Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday, April 15.



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ACROSS

1 Walker's prize may be won but not enjoyed by you, it's said (3,4,4,4,4,3,3,2)
15 Succeeds in catching 50 fish — an overwhelming result (9)
16 One to cure the failings of this military offender? (9)
17 "Music, when soft voices die, —s in the memory" (Shelley) (8)
18 Ten as counted in the ring — or what they do to nine? (9)
19 Having more space for The Return of Othello? That's right (7)
20 Gambler losing his head becomes an embezzler (9)
21 Islamic traditions had it before the Hegira initially (6)
22 Open late, wild beast shows (8)
24 Stuff gold back in Baptista's place (5)
25 Namely the spirit shown by players at Twickenham (5)
27 Sharpshooter's one employed by Tapley (8)
30 Gets going with skills in backward places (6,2)
32 Steep land treated to produce spermatophyte (4-5)
36 Swimmer being immature is always out of the money (5)
37 It's not so damp in the German state (5)
38 Iolanthe for instance liable to provide the charm (7)
40 Enzyme that damages man's lip (7)
42 Fair and loveable flower girl, guardian of Lancelot's shield (Tennyson) (6,3,4,4,2,7)
43 Heroic but tragic result of someone's military blunder (3,6,2,3,5,7)
47 Harsh wind from the south and east (7)
48 Dizzy crusader can't change colour (7)
49 Voice's sphere-born harmonious sister (Milton) (5)
50 Once more a prophet, we hear (5)
51 Like one hanging on to new edition of a hundred and two parts (9)
55 Alias Ensign Beverley as the perfect rival (8)
57 Temper is by no means extreme (8)
59 Firm but brittle — like snow on December 26th once (5)
61 Chap performing soprano part in this opera (5)
62 Mink undies for female costume embellishment? (8)
63 Practise dropping it for a change in this predicament (6)
67 Disembodied spirit makes the mature 36 uncommonly mad (9)
68 Townsman brings food back to her (7)
70 Doom envelops German city in thunder (9)
71 Fancy getting a soldier into mine development (7)
72 Greek slain by Achilles in the right locations (9)
73 Trumpet blast when army managed to take Ireland's royal hill (9)
74 Unhappy verdict of famous physicians on Henry King's complaint (5,2,2,4,3,4,7)

DOWN

1 Pusillanimous workshop striker is seen in flight (12)
2 Memorandum is in German and so not observed (7)
3 Attack a sailor, say? (7)
4 Novel headgear (6)
5 Be put in complete confinement for deviating from the norm (8)
6 The bilingual churchman (5)
7 Not in the pink — or the red at Wembley? (3-6)
8 Set procedure, arranging tour in the Orient (7)
9 Pharaoh toping drunkenly with cannibals (13)
10 "A chorus-ending from —" (Browning) (9)
11 Training period for US Intelligence men, note, after All Saints' Day (9)
12 Give me back a large pill for blood trouble (7)
13 Maybe a riot after tart rejected in a restaurant (9)
14 One of the more tricky propositions (7)
23 Loiters in a Portuguese resort (7)
26 Its fruit would appear to be somewhat wicked? (6-4)
28 Merrymakers showing lapel material about forty-five inches (9)
29 Gets rid of bends in narrows, say (11)
31 Fighters thus ordered up (message thus protected) (9)
33 Record in retrospect tragedian's revised version of The Bear, for instance (11)
34 The each-way principle (5)
35 Means of exposing mendacity, roughly speaking? Extremely frivolous (8)
38 Fish and chips cooked with lard (9)
39 Job's Dickensian horses (8)
40 Plain creature — I order a pig to be given treatment (7-3)
41 Transpontine show was sensational! (9)
43 Many ensnared by this dissolute woman (5)
44 French palace of fine notable construction on gold foundation (13)
45 Measure by state against tote reform (7)
46 About to be taken in by a French teenager perhaps — incorrigible (12)
52 Retreat disorderly without one, 'e appears to keep saying (9)
53 She's devilishly persuasive (9)
54 Prison a hindrance to an artist (9)
56 Movement putting domestic deity over Jews' quarter (9)
58 Shower forecast for the wedding? (8)
59 Subtle to lose a pound to the shopkeeper (7)
60 "Taffeta phrases, silken terms —" *(Love's Labour's Lost)* (7)
62 Tell in advance that the sum charged includes mineral aggregates (7)
64 Those paying a lawyer about fifty-one cents (7)
65 Graduate is received by a Buddhist priest in state (7)
66 65's southern neighbour, no end flowery (6)
69 Make new arrangement of trees (5)

The winners of prize concise No 1824 are Roger Jeffery of Harry's Cottage, Manor Road, Sulgrave, Nr Banbury, Oxfordshire; and Mrs E. Coupe, Queenscourt Avenue, Penwortham, Preston, Lancashire.

Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The solution will appear on Easter Monday

ACROSS

1 Dean Burgon's description of Petra (1,4-3,4,4,2,3,2,4)
15 Rear skull bone (9)
16 Skilled, proficient (9)
17 Prohibited (7)
18 Intense praise (9)
19 *The — in the Rye* (7)
20 Female capra (5,4)
21 Gothic vault short rib (6)
22 Light anchors (8)
24 Ancient Aegean islands region (5)
25 Appointments record (5)
27 Sleeping framework (8)
30 Moliere's pious hypocrite (8)
32 Pull out, uproot (9)
36 Chest (5)
37 Last of series (5)
38 Near range photo (5,2)
40 Ordained ministers (7)
42 Who will guard the guards? (4,9,5,8)
43 Paris slayings of Huguenots (8,2,5,11)
47 Discharge with dishonour (7)
48 Decorative bush trimming (7)
49 Scent (5)
50 Angolan Savimbi movement (5)
51 Right angled motion transfer shafts (4,5)
55 Votes back to office (2-6)
57 Alcohol potency (8)
59 Jockey (5)
61 One who has a go (5)
62 Furtive (8)
63 Catfish, carp (6)
67 Cut to earlier scene (9)
68 Make stronger (7)
70 Goods promotion, selling (9)
71 Sharp-leaved vegetable (7)
72 Position holders (9)
73 Unwise (9)
74 Johnny Green, Tommy Stout nursery rhyme (4,4,4,6,2,3,4)

DOWN

1 Beautiful infant (8,4)
2 Block up (7)
3 Give account (7)
4 Have as consequence (6)
5 For cooking (8)
6 Special theme (5)
7 Sincerely meant (9)
8 Door fastenings (7)
9 Bold aggressiveness (13)
10 Authoratitive decree (9)
11 Accused (9)
12 Spattered (7)
13 *Lover* (9)
14 Uprightly (7)
23 Poster (7)
26 Manipulator (10)
28 Pays out (9)
29 Property period ownership (11)
31 Flower trade (9)
33 Bring in again (11)
34 Slackens (5)
35 Red root vegetable (8)
38 Crackle (9)
39 Status (8)
40 Wealthy rulers (10)
41 Making unhappy (9)
43 Brilliant American parrot (5)
44 Judging very severely (13)
45 Marginal note (7)
46 Compulsively driven (12)
52 Nuclear decay emission (9)
53 Curled pile collar style (9)
54 Joker's smelly missile (9)
56 Huge tusked mammals (9)
58 Iranian spiritual leader (8)
59 Pulled up at fence (7)
60 Took case again (7)
62 Pay out (5,2)
64 Anatomical circular areas (7)
65 Treacle, nuts sweet (7)
66 Axilla (6)
69 Horrid (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 1829
(yesterday's concise crossword)

ACROSS: 1 Attire 4 Frolic 9 Keratin 10 Harem 11 Seal 12 Colander 14 Hangar 15 Island 18 Irrigate 20 Fare 22 Zaire 23 Retract 25 Linger 26 Frothy
DOWN: 1 Ask 2 Terrain 3 Rate 5 Rehearse 6 Lurid 7 Cambridge 8 Snood 11 Schnitzel 13 Gangrene 16 Adamant 17 Story 19 Reign 21 Star 24 Stay

SOLUTION TO NO 1824
(last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Script 5 Panic 8 Err 9 Grovel 10 Actual 11 Lawn 12 Take over 14 Hosier 15 Tissue 16 Reveller 18 Burn 19 Vision 21 Social 22 Cut 23 Allah 24 Shoddy
DOWN: 2 Ciriaco de Mita 3 Inventive 4 Telstar 5 Prank 6 Net 7 Chateaubriand 13 Osso Bucco 15 Thrusts 17 Lunch 20 Ill

Waves put Boat Race at risk

STEPHEN MARKESON



Roughing it: The Oxford boat ploughing through heavy water on the Tideway yesterday as the crew practised for today's Boat Race, when conditions are likely just as inhospitable

Cambridge start out as the heavy favourites

By Jim Railton

Cambridge, with the second heaviest crew of all time, go into today's 135th Boat Race as the clear favourites. If the powerful Cambridge crew settle into their stride smoothly then Oxford will have little chance of success. Their only hope would appear to be a rebellious Tideway that would unsettle the Light Blues and stop them applying the power advantage they enjoy from being almost 11lb a man heavier.

Yesterday the conditions on the Tideway were frightful, with the high wind blowing against the tide and producing white waves that could well sink the boats if they persist today. There is a chance we could see the Boat Race being run tomorrow, Monday or even Tuesday unless there is a change in the weather.

Cambridge have grown in stature since their late arrival on the Tideway and are favourites to take the Beefeater Gin Trophy. They were too big for their boat originally but appear to have reconstructed it successfully. They worked extremely hard at Ely before arriving on the Tideway a week last Thursday. Since then their heavy machine has purred.

Their performance today may well hinge on the work of their freshman, Toby Backhouse, who stands 6ft 8in and at the official weigh-in last Monday tipped the scales at 16st 11lb – a Boat Race record. Backhouse had a back problem during pre-Tideway training but appears to have recovered well.

Cambridge are thirsty for revenge and today have five Blues on board, compared with Oxford's three. The only winning Blue in the Cambridge boat is Ian Clarke, while Oxford have Jonathan Searle, a world junior gold medal winner, Michael Gaffney and Paul Gleeson who have had the pleasure of reaching Mortlake first in a Boat Race.

When Oxford hit their stride they are hyper efficient. They have a fine engine room in Jonathan Searle, a Rhodes scholar, and Michael Gaffney, with Olympic oarsman Terence Dillon at five. They, rather than young Richard Thorp, will provide Oxford's main attack today.

Oxford have been extrovert throughout, conducting brilliant trials in December and a good win in the Reading head-of-the-river race. While there were question marks over their recent Tideway tests against London University and the Nottinghamshire lightweights, Oxford were speedy when they thrashed Isis, their reserve crew, by six lengths during final Boat Race training. They are a good crew of true grit.

For the first time both crews will be steered by women. Cambridge's Harvard graduate Leigh Weiss and Oxford's Alison Norrish are likely to be in aggressive moods. It could well be a race decided under the sharp eye of the umpire, Ronnie Howard.

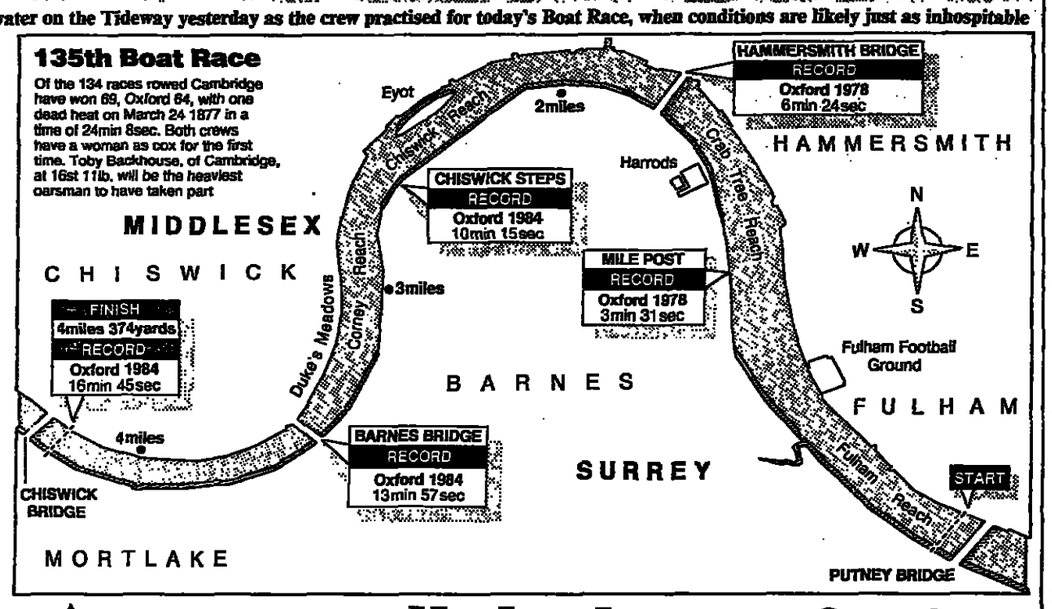
Lees is constantly in command of Cambridge, while Oxford once again appear to have a committee of coaches, with words of wisdom supplied by Mike Spracklen, the Olympic coach and other Olympians.

TELEVISION COVERAGE: BBC1: Grandstand 12.15-5.05pm Eurosport 7-8pm

TODAY'S BOAT RACE CREWS

Oxford	st lb		Cambridge	st lb
G B Blanchard (RCS Wimbledon and Oriel)	13 8	BOW	*I R Clarke (Stourport and Fitzwilliam)	13 4
*P Gleeson (St Martin's Brentwood and Hertford)	15 0	2	*M J K Smith (Shrewsbury and Magdalene)	14 12
G G C Cheveley (Tonbridge and Pembroke)	13 3	3	P M Mant (Cheltenham and Selwyn)	15 3
C Maclennan (Camp Hill and Keble)	13 7	4	*M J Brittin (Hampton and Robinson)	14 12
*T Dillon (Becket, King's College, London and Oriel)	14 12	5	T Backhouse (Winchester and Magdalene)	16 11
*M Gaffney (Avon Old Farms, US Naval Academy and Hertford) US and Sidney Sussex)	14 9	6	N Justicz (Westminster, Brown University	14 8
*J W C Searle (Hampton and Christ Church)	13 8	7	*J R Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC)	14 11
R J Thorp (Shrewsbury and St John's College and LMBC)	13 2	STR	*G R Pooley (Berkhamsted, Imperial	14 7
A R M Norrish (Kingston and University)	7 13	COX	L Weiss (Harvard and Emmanuel)	7 6
Average weight: 13st 13¼lb			Average weight: 14st 10¼lb	

*A Blue



A contest all the better for its return to a traditional balance

COMMENTARY



David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent

The Boat Race today has just about the right balance for an undergraduate sport: two crews each embellished by no more than two graduates, plus a total of three Americans. Cambridge's average age is 22½, Oxford's under 22.

What is glaringly overlooked by both Boris Rankov, in his recent letter to Dan Topolski on the 1987 American Mutiny, and Topolski himself, in his highly subjective book on that race, *True Blue*, is that the Boat Race is intended to be, and should be, a contest primarily between undergraduates. Today's is.

This does not necessarily weaken the event, or threaten its international status and sponsors' interest. The form line, taken through the Head of the River, shows that the Cambridge crew is probably on a level with national standards. It is imperative that the Boat Race should be a shop window for British rowing and not an American invitational.

Rankov, fine oarsman that he was, seemingly still does not understand this. He saw nothing illogical in taking part in his record sixth race when a senior lecturer; and apparently still considers that it would have been a laudable objective to try to keep the 1987 rebels on board for an allegedly "greatest crew ever." No doubt Oxford could find some mature-student course for a handful of West Indian and Australian Test cricketers, but no one could pretend the resultant team at Lord's would be representing Oxford.

The irony of the revolt which confronted Topolski and Donald Macdonald, the president, two years ago was that Topolski, having encouraged the graduate dominance of Oxford boats, had become the sorcerer's apprentice, suddenly overcome by his own creation. Unfortunately for Oxford, Clark, Huntington, and the rest of the American rebels, with no allegiance to a president they did not elect, did not comprehend the unique nature and myths of the Boat Race. Huntington has recently admitted as much.

Topolski, as Huntington has suggested, did allow passion to become possessiveness. Macdonald was fighting to save principles more than to save Topolski as coach. It should be remembered, as Macdonald forcefully impressed upon the Americans, that the race is built upon 160 years of tradition.

The need for graduate reinforcements, which both boat clubs misguidedly tend to believe valuable for maintaining standards, would be reduced if, as this newspaper has repeatedly advocated, admissions tutors would be more rational in their consideration of sporting freshmen with legitimate academic qualifications.

Alan Burrough, benefactor and guiding light of Henley Regatta, recently wrote to the Master of his old Cambridge College, Jesus, recommending more recognition by admissions tutors of a well-established phenomenon: that sportsmen obtain better-than-average degrees and superior job-fulfilment compared with many undergraduates who are exclusively academic-orientated. Ask employers.

Professor Colin Renfrew's response to Burrough was disappointingly negative. Yet the prospects for genuine undergraduate races are by no means forlorn, as today may prove; and as Cambridge regularly proved with young crews repeatedly overpowered during Oxford's unbroken dominance from 1976 to 1985.

"I have a feeling that there should be a maximum age of, say, 25," Burrough says, "though it's possible that we are passing through a (graduate) phase that has already gone. What is important is that the Boat Race should build up our own oarsmen for the future, rather than Americans or Australians. When it comes to rugby, I know it's another matter, but with cricket, I see no harm in the universities accepting a lesser standard by playing the Minor Counties."

Burrough believed so much in the undergraduate ethic that when he was Cambridge president in 1939, following two years in successful boats, he declined to select the Oxford stroke who had come as a postgraduate oriental languages student. "We should be able to row with our own people, and undergraduates whenever possible," he says. So much for Rankov.

Having lost a leg below the knee in a tank battle at Tripoli, Burrough uniquely rowed with an artificial foot in the European Championships coxless pairs in 1947, reaching the final with Ronald Morris. He would like to see a joint senior Blues committee established to regulate Oxbridge selection in all sports. "But I don't think it will happen," he says.

His personal purchase of Temple Island, to help protect Henley from potential developers, has enabled the Regatta to provide substantial sponsorship towards international preparation by the Amateur Rowing Association.

Filling Oxford boats with Americans may have advanced the Boat Race's publicity in recent years, but it has not directly helped British rowing. It has, of course, helped Oxford's reputation, because schools are for the moment sending their better oarsmen in a Dark Blue direction.

Yet these phases also come and go. What is important is for the Boat Race, so different from conventional two-kilometre (1¼-mile) international rowing on non-tidal water, to retain its character. The shift towards full time or international coaches, such as Pat Sweeney and Mark Lees, should not be allowed to remould the race into some kind of international conformity.

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Liverpool put a new tune to an old song

By Clive White

It is perverse that **Liverpool**, the team which has dominated the League championship *ad nauseam* during the past two decades, should be helping to enliven this season's competition with a spirited late challenge which may yet end in the Merseyside club collecting their eighteenth title.

They are, without doubt, the team in form, as their ominous 3-1 victory at Coventry, their sixth in six games, on Wednesday confirmed; 21 goals scored and only three in reply. Maximum points from their two games over Easter, away against **Tottenham Hotspur** tomorrow and at home against **Derby County** on Monday, could put a new complexion on the championship.

Arsenal will be thankful today to get away from Highbury, where their once vibrant championship hopes have slithered in the morass of their appalling pitch, failing to win any of their last three games. The propensity of home fixtures, which at one time it seemed might swing the title their way, has become a handicap.

Fortunately for them, their away form has been outstanding, but they meet a **Southampton** team at The Dell who are equally desperate for a change in fortune after 18 games without a win. The second division seems to be drawing them like a magnet and it may take more than the £950,000 that Chris Nicholl, the club's manager, has hurriedly spent this week on Adams, from Leeds United, and Horne, from Portsmouth, to keep them up.

Seldom can it have happened that the two leading clubs in pursuit of the championship have each been more at home away from home. Not that the form of **Norwich City** at Carrow Road has been poor. Indeed, they have lost only once there in their last 15 league and cup games. But they are marginally a better side away from Carrow Road where their supporters have been slow to accept the team's methodical style.

Newcastle United, second from bottom and who go there today, might prove to be not quite the soft touch some people imagine.

Whatever the outcome, this season's championship has already been one of the most exciting in recent times and few have contributed more to that end than **Millwall**, who must surely now have shed their sinister image. They have exceeded their wildest dreams by continuing at the forefront of the first division since the start of the season.

Their third place, though, is under threat today from Merseyside; **Everton** stand before them at Goodison Park, Liverpool just behind them, waiting to take advantage of any slip. Colin Harvey, angered by Everton's capitulation at Newcastle, has threatened to make changes which may include the demotion of Cottee, the England forward, who has scored just twice in his last 17 appearances.

That would, indeed, be perverse on a day when his old side-kick, McAvennie, makes his reappearance for **West Ham United**. McAvennie, resigned from Celtic for £1.25 million in midweek, will be expected to start repaying that huge investment in his goalscoring potential against **Aston Villa** at Villa Park.

UEFA fines Hearts

Geneva (Reuter) – Heart of Midlothian, the Scottish Premier Division side, have been fined 100,000 Swiss francs ($62,500) by UEFA for allowing the home leg of their UEFA Cup quarter-final against Bayern Munich to be televised live in West Germany.

The fine, a record for television transmission offences, was imposed by UEFA yesterday after complaints by the West German Football Association (DFB).

Hearts have also been barred from selling the television rights to any matches they play in their next European competition and will also be liable for any damages incurred by the DFB and West German team, VFB Stuttgart.

Hearts have until midnight on Tuesday to appeal.

Thorburn admits he over-reacted

By Owen Jenkins

Paul Thorburn, the Welsh captain, has admitted that he "over-reacted" when he criticized a journalist at a Welsh Rugby Union banquet held on the evening of his country's victory over England in the five nations' championship last Saturday.

Speaking for the first time since the outburst, in an interview to be broadcast tonight on the BBC Wales programme, *Sportfolio*, Thorburn says that there were "added pressures put on the the players and myself" which led to his outburst, in which he described Stephen Jones, of *The Sunday Times*, as "the scum of the earth".

Thorburn adds: "I felt a lot of it was unnecessary and I over-reacted. With the benefit of hindsight, I probably would have worded it slightly differently, but my feelings were there and I felt something had to be said. There were a lot of articles written in the media, and by ex-players, with a lot of mention about the first whitewash, and it does get to you.

"Then there's the pressure that if you've lost you knew what it was going to be like afterwards. I reacted and unfortunately it's gone against me in certain ways."

On the question of whether his outburst cost him a place in the British Lions party to tour Australia this summer, Thorburn said: "Naturally I'm very disappointed to be left out but Peter Dodds and Gavin Hastings have deserved their selection."

As to his future as Welsh captain, Thorburn said: "I'm not exactly sure what the situation is, but that is a decision the Welsh Rugby Union has to take. First of all I hope to be selected for the Wales B tour to Canada. We are in a state of rebuilding at the moment and there's a lot of hard work to be done. I've got the semi-finals of the Schweppes Cup to think about with Neath, so there's still a lot to be played for."

Simon Barnes's Sporting Diary, page 10

Putterless golf from Stelten

From John Hennessy
La Grande Motte, France

The Mistral misfired, after all, and the Flamant Roses (Flamingoes) course here, appropriately, yielded a host of birdies and quite a few eagles on the first day of the AGF Open golf tournament.

But, if the masterpiece that the eminent American architect, Robert Trent Jones, has created was humbled, it was a compatriot of his who wrought most devastation.

He was Ron Stelten, who recorded five birdies and an improbable eagle for a course record 65, seven under par. With a few players still out on the course he led by three shots from a trio from Britain – Sam Torrance, Mark Davis and Andrew Charnley. The holder, David Llewellyn, is a shot further back.

Stelten went through an extraordinary passage, having started at the 9th, which induced him later to remark, with good reason: "I was four under par after five holes and then I started hitting the greens".

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	407	4	10	498	5
2	411	4	11	419	4
3	516	5	12	303	4
4	352	4	13	186	3
5	135	3	14	399	4
6	465	4	15	410	4
7	558	5	16	151	3
8	174	3	17	495	5
9	430	4	18	399	4
Out	3,448	36	In	3,256	36

Total yardage: 6,704 Par: 72

At the 12th (303 yards) he holed a 9-iron from 110 yards; at the next (182 yards), having missed the green with a four-iron, he found a bad lie in a bunker and holed out with a pitching wedge; then at the 14th (399 yards) his nine-iron rolled off the green and he chipped in from 15 feet. Thus on three successive holes he had had no need of his putter.

After that, he was, by comparison, boringly conventional, putting for birdie after birdie and succeeding three more times.

Stelten, who finished 144th in last year's order of merit because of a variety of problems, both physical and emotional, has, he says, examined his head throughout the winter and feels he has found the answer in positive thinking.

"Too many golfers dwell only on their bad shots," he argues. "I condition myself to think only of the good ones." The next three days will show whether or not he has found the secret.

Leading scores (British and Irish unless stated): 65: R Stelten (US). 68: A Charnley, S Torrance, M Davis. 69: M James, D Llewellyn, P Walton, J Quiros (Sp), P Carman, A Saavedra (Arg). 70: M Hallberg (Swe), S Bennett, J Hawksworth, B Norton (US), J Howell (US). 71: D Durnian, Y Houssin (Fr), R Fish, R Lee, E Dussart (Fr). 72: P Curry, M Roe, J Van de Velde (Fr), A Murray, R Commans (US), E Elliott (US), B Evans, G Ralph, A Sherborne, M Mouland, G Moore (Aus). 73: N Hansen, P Cowen, R Stephens, R McFarlane, J Buencia (Sp), G Turner, A Prieto (Sp), J Rosa (Sp), S Bottomley, W Riley (Aus), J Angioca (Sp). 74: S Grappasonni (It), S Bishop, J Haas (US), J-F Remesy (Fr), M Smith (US), W Malley (US), P O'Malley (Aus), S McAllister, J McHenry, M Sunesson (Swe), K Dickens, M Aparicio (Arg), I Mosey, G J Brand.

Bruno sparring partner is next for Mason

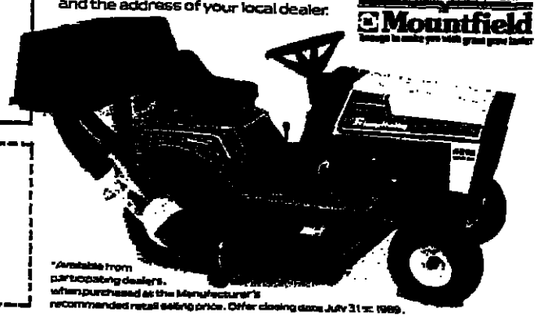
Terry Armstrong, a sparring partner for Frank Bruno during the build-up to his bout with Mike Tyson last month, is the new opponent for Bruno's stablemate, Gary Mason, next Wednesday.

Mason, the unbeaten British heavyweight champion, was originally due to face Harry Terrell at Wembley, but the ageing American was ruled unsuitable by the British Boxing Board of Control. Armstrong, from Cincinnati, stayed with Bruno for a month in Phoenix and then the final two weeks in Las Vegas.

But the board still has to approve Armstrong as an opponent and this is not a formality. "We will be taking a close look at his record and then deciding whether to approve the fight," the board secretary, John Morris, said.

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Ferrari Formula One fightback

The starting roar of the engines at Rio tomorrow marks the end of the quieter turbos and creates a milestone in motor racing. John Blunsden previews the chances of a return to triumph by the once great Italian team

As 26 cars and drivers leave the starting grid of the Jacarapagua circuit near Rio de Janeiro tomorrow afternoon, in a deafening crescendo of noise and the inevitable cloud of tyre and exhaust smoke, a new era of Formula One racing will have begun. The muted voice of turbo-charged engines has been silenced, their cars consigned to the motor racing museums after a career that began in 1977.

In their place is a series of lighter-weight cars of outstanding aerodynamic efficiency and nimbleness powered by a new breed of 3½-litre normally aspirated and very loud V8, V10 and V12 engines. In recent years there have been too many changes of Formula One rules, although some were essential, but a period of stability has finally arrived. Whether the sport's governing body, FISA, really will give its 3½-litre formula a clear run until the turn of the century, as promised, only time will tell.

Goodyear, whose tyres exclusively kept the wheels of Grand Prix racing in motion for the past two seasons, are again confronted by a rival in Pirelli, whose return means that specially-made qualifying tyres are also back and that 1988 practice lap times will soon look positively pedestrian. It also means that the struggling hopefuls towards the rear of the line-up can no longer expect to use the same tyres as the contracted teams up front.

Yet there is no shortage of newcomers. This year, 20 teams have assembled 39 cars and drivers, meaning that at every one of the 16 meetings 13 of them will fail to qualify. Formula One life will be tougher than ever for those at the back.

In a sense it is tougher still for a team that has once been at the top but has slipped. Lotus and Tyrrell are both in this category, but so is Ferrari. And it is on the Italian team in particular that many eyes will be focused this season as it strives to recapture some of its former greatness.

The charisma is still there, unaffected by Enzo Ferrari's death last year, but race-winning pace has been lacking, mainly because of the excessive fuel consumption of Ferrari's turbo-charged V6 engine. Gerhard Berger gave some heroic driving performances last season, and was the only man to interrupt the otherwise complete domination by McLaren's Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost. However, the Austrian's emotional victory on Ferrari home territory at Monza in September was a success inherited rather than won, after Senna had had one of his occasional lapses of judgment and crashed out of the lead. Ferrari must be pleased that the turbo years are over. They ran turbo-charged engines for eight seasons, during which they scored just 15 victories. By comparison, McLaren and Williams, which both ran turbos for little more than five seasons, claimed 40 and 23 wins respectively over the shorter period.

> *'Mansell will call up all his qualities for that extra bit of time'*

If Ferrari has a trademark other than the famous Prancing Horse symbol, it is the 12-cylinder engine, around which so many past successes in single-seater and sports car racing have been built.

It was no surprise, therefore, that the team was tempted to take the 12-cylinder route in planning a new 3½-litre normally aspirated engine for 1989, despite the constraints that its extra weight and bulk compared with the V8 and V10 alternatives imposed on the car designer. John Barnard has had a busy time. He had been brought in by Enzo Ferrari to take charge of engineering matters at Maranello, to establish a satellite design office and component factory near Guildford, Surrey, and to design the next-generation Ferrari Grand Prix challenger.

Today he no longer has responsibility for the Italian end of the operation and is free to accelerate the development of the Ferrari 640, the second Formula One car he has designed since leaving McLaren late in 1987.

The first, the 639, built last year to help with the development of the new V12 engine and the ingenious electronically controlled gearbox attached to it, will continue to be used this year as a development car at Ferrari's private test track at Fiorano. This is where Nigel Mansell has spent much of his time since joining the team and establishing with his long-time friend, Berger, a partnership second only to that of Senna and Prost in its potential.

The 640, which was first seen last month and is the team's definitive 1989 race car, looks superficially similar to the interim 639, but is different in many details. As with the earlier car, its most radical feature is the replacement of the traditional gear lever by a pair of arms linked to a central pivot behind the steering wheel and within reach of the driver's fingers when he holds the wheel. The driver simply operates the lever with his right hand for upward and with his left hand for downward changes without having to remove his grip from the wheel rim.

He sits considerably lower in the 640, which is aerodynamically more efficient, has improved cooling capacity and a different distribution of fuel in three tanks to improve the weight balance. The latest car has a very slim nose hiding a novel and compact front suspension, which does away with conventional coil springs. A form of active suspension is expected to be introduced later in the year. The bodywork behind the cockpit is also much slimmer and the 640 is said to be quite close to the 500-kilogram minimum weight limit.

It is no secret that Ferrari's between-seasons test programme has had difficulties and disappointments. But early reliability problems with various electronic components seem to have been overcome, and solid progress is now being made to improve the engine's initially disappointing power output.

Barnard remains quietly optimistic: "We are fortunate in having considerable resources, as a result of which we should have the ability to introduce significant improvements on a regular basis throughout the season. For example, I expect the cars we run in the second race, at Imola, to be considerably different from our specification for Brazil."

He also expects much from the team's drivers. "Of course, I have worked with Gerhard for more than a year and I know how good he is, but it has been very revealing working with Nigel," he says.

"Like Berger, he is very quick indeed — it's probably too early to tell whether or not he is actually any quicker, but the important thing is they are certain to bring out the best in each other. Meanwhile, what has particularly impressed me about Nigel is his determination. He will work tirelessly to improve the car's performance until, as he puts it, he can 'really lean on it'. When he gets it to that state, he'll summon up all his personal qualities and find that extra bit of time out of himself."

Mansell, far from being frustrated by the work needed to turn the 640 into a race-winner, seems stimulated by the challenge. Unlike some drivers, he enjoys testing and improving the product — just as well, because 32 separate test sessions are already logged in his 1989 diary.

At Ferrari he no longer has the distraction of personal sponsors, who may have made him a wealthy man but understandably have also made heavy demands on his time. He has a much more relaxed attitude towards the World Championship. Of course, he still wants to win it but it is no longer an obsession. He has established his place among the élite of contemporary Grand Prix drivers, which is sufficient for the time being.

Having driven for relatively small teams, Mansell is still coming to terms with the extent of Ferrari's facilities, and clearly he has become intoxicated by the unique atmosphere permeating everything at Maranello.

Some drivers who have fulfilled a burning ambition to drive for Ferrari have quickly become frustrated by the reality. Mansell, however, shows no signs of becoming one of them.

There have been a lot of organizational changes at team headquarters since Enzo Ferrari's death, and Mansell is impressed by the quality of the high-flyers who have been put in to run the show. In this he is not alone.

Last summer, when it was clear that the life of motor racing's most charismatic figure was within a few days of its end, I put it to the McLaren director, Ron Dennis, that sooner or later his team's overwhelming domination of the Grand Prix scene would be effectively challenged.

"From which direction would you most expect this challenge to emerge?" I asked him. "From Ferrari," came his unhesitating reply.

Mansell may well be starting the hardest working year he has ever experienced as a Grand Prix driver. But in doing so he may also be laying the foundations for his greatest personal success.

JOHN TOWNSEND

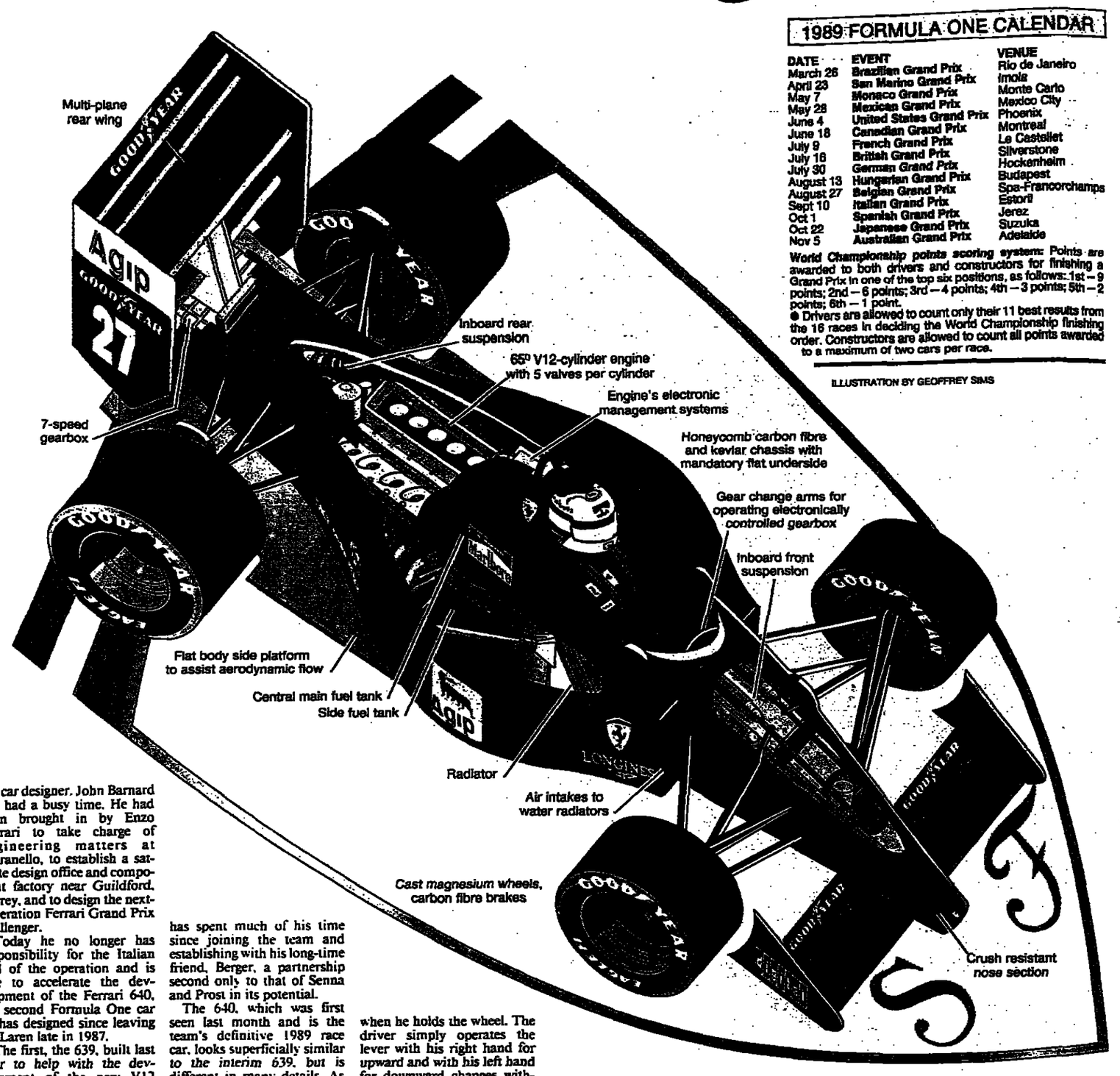


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1989 FORMULA ONE CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
March 26	Brazilian Grand Prix	Rio de Janeiro
April 23	San Marino Grand Prix	Imola
May 7	Monaco Grand Prix	Monte Carlo
May 28	Mexican Grand Prix	Mexico City
June 4	United States Grand Prix	Phoenix
June 18	Canadian Grand Prix	Montreal
July 9	French Grand Prix	Le Castellet
July 16	British Grand Prix	Silverstone
July 30	German Grand Prix	Hockenheim
August 13	Hungarian Grand Prix	Budapest
August 27	Belgian Grand Prix	Spa-Francorchamps
Sept 10	Italian Grand Prix	Estoril
Oct 1	Spanish Grand Prix	Jerez
Oct 22	Japanese Grand Prix	Suzuka
Nov 5	Australian Grand Prix	Adelaide

World Championship points scoring system: Points are awarded to both drivers and constructors for finishing a Grand Prix in one of the top six positions, as follows: 1st — 9 points; 2nd — 6 points; 3rd — 4 points; 4th — 3 points; 5th — 2 points; 6th — 1 point.

● Drivers are allowed to count only their 11 best results from the 16 races in deciding the World Championship finishing order. Constructors are allowed to count all points awarded to a maximum of two cars per race.

1989 FORMULA ONE LINE-UP

NO	DRIVER	CHASSIS-ENGINE	MAIN SPONSOR
1	Ayrton Senna (Br) Age 29	McLaren-Honda V10	Marlboro
2	Alain Prost (Fr) 34	McLaren-Honda V10	Marlboro
3	Jonathan Palmer (GB) 32	Tyrrell-Ford DFR V8	-
4	Michele Alboreto (It) 32	Tyrrell-Ford DFR V8	-
5	Thierry Boutsen (Bel) 31	Williams-Renault V10	Canon
6	Riccardo Patrese (It) 34	Williams-Renault V10	Canon
7	*Martin Brundle (GB) 29	Brabham-Judd V8	Bioptron
8	*Stefano Modena (It) 25	Brabham-Judd V8	Bioptron
9	Derek Warwick (GB) 34	Arrows-Ford DFR V8	USF&G
10	Eddie Cheever (US) 31	Arrows-Ford DFR V8	USF&G
11	Nelson Piquet (Br) 36	Lotus-Judd V8	Camel
12	Satoru Nakajima (Japan) 36	Lotus-Judd V8	Camel
15	Mauricio Gugelmin (Br) 25	March-Judd V8	Leyton Hs
16	Ivan Capelli (It) 25	March-Judd V8	Leyton Hs
17	*Piercarlo Ghinzani (It) 37	Osella-Ford DFR V8	Fondmet'l
18	*Nicola Larini (It) 25,	Osella-Ford DFR V8	Fondmet'l
19	Alessandro Nannini (It) 29,	Benetton-Ford V8	7-Up
20	Johnny Herbert (GB) 24	Benetton-Ford V8	7-Up
21	Andrea de Cesaris (It) 29	Dallara-Ford DFR V8	Marlboro
22	*Alex Caffi (It) 25	Dallara-Ford DFR V8	Marlboro
23	Pierluigi Martini (It) 27	Minardi-Ford DFR V8	-
24	Luis Sala (Sp) 29	Minardi-Ford DFR V8	-
25	Rene Arnoux (Fr) 40	Ligier-Ford DFR V8	Loto
26	Olivier Grouillard (Fr) 30	Ligier-Ford DFR V8	Loto
27	Nigel Mansell (GB) 34	Ferrari V12	Marlboro
28	Gerhard Berger (Austria) 29	Ferrari V12	Marlboro
29	Yannick Dalmas (Fr) 27	Lola-Lamborghini V12	Calmels
30	Philippe Alliot (Fr) 34	Lola-Lamborghini V12	Calmels
31	Roberto Moreno (Br) 30	Coloni-Ford DFR V8	-
32	*Pierre-Henri Raphanel (Fr) 27	Coloni-Ford DFR V8	-
33	*Gregor Foitek (Cz) 24	EuroBrun-Ford V8	-
34	*Aguri Suzuki (Japan)	Zakspeed-Yamaha V8	West
35	*Bernd Schneider (WG) 24	Zakspeed-Yamaha V8	West
36	*Stefan Johansson (Swi) 32	Onyx-Ford DFR V8	Moneytr'n
37	*Bertrand Gachot (Bel) 26	Onyx-Ford DFR V8	Moneytr'n
38	Christian Danner (WG) 26	Rial-Ford DFR V8	Marlboro
39	*Volker Weidler (WG) 26	Rial-Ford DFR V8	Marlboro
40	†Philippe Streiff (Fr) 33	AGS-Ford DFR V8	Camel
41	*Joachim Winkelhock (WG) 28	AGS-Ford DFR V8	Camel

* These 13 drivers have to take part in an early Friday morning pre-qualifying session from which the fastest four will join the remaining 26 drivers in the four main practice and race-qualifying periods.

† Suffered serious injuries in crash during Rio tests on March 16.

Tyres: The following teams will run on Pirellis: Brabham, Coloni, BMS Dallara, EuroBrun, Minardi, Osella and Zakspeed. All other teams will run on Goodyear tyres.

Responding to the challenge: Nigel Mansell, here test-driving at Jerez, has already logged 32 test sessions in his 1989 diary

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MOTOR RACING

Brundle sees prospect of a top-10 place in Rio

By John Blunsden

Martin Brundle's return to Formula One racing got off to a fine start in Rio de Janeiro yesterday when the King's Lynn driver put his new Brabham-Judd at the top of the list of the pre-qualifying times fortomorrow's Brazilian Grand Prix.

Thirteen cars and drivers have to take part in this preliminary elimination contest to decide which of them can go forward to the main pre-race practice and qualifying sessions. Normally, only the fastest four will be allowed through, but in Rio yesterday a fifth car was admitted because Philippe Streiff's accident while testing last week has reduced the number with guaranteed entries from 26 cars to 25, and a total of 30 cars are allowed to compete for the eventual 26 starting places.

Brundle's time of 1min 27.764sec, which was set with the aid of special Pirelli qualifying tyres, was slightly quicker than Ayrton Senna's pole position time with his McLaren-Honda last year, when everyone was running on Goodyear control tyres.

His Brabham team partner Stefano Modena, was comfortably the second quickest amongst the other pre-qualifiers, and Gregor Foitek (EuroBrun-Judd), Nicola Larini (Osella-Ford) and Bernd Schneider (Zakspeed-Yamaha) also went through to the main practice and qualifying periods. However, Alex Caffi (Dallara-Ford) who had been expected to provide the main opposition to the two Brabham drivers, just failed to avoid the cut.

A delighted Brundle said after passing this initial test so comfortably: "The car felt really excellent and it was good to feel the circuit so nice and grippy. If we can maintain this level of performance on Sunday I see no reason why we should not achieve a top 10 finish in the race."

The AGS team have announced that the Italian driver Gabriele Tarquini will replace Streiff, who was to have led their team this season, but is now confined to a bed in a Paris hospital, having been flown back from Brazil after undergoing an emergency operation in Brazil on his severely-injured back.

Tarquini had been expected to drive in Formula One for the new FIRST team this season, but only last week it was confirmed that this new team would be deferring its Grand Prix debut for a year. The British driver, Julian Bailey, was another driver tipped for the vacant AGS seat, but for the time being his Formula One activities will be confined to the role of reserve driver for the Larrousse-Calmels team.



THE BRITISH CHALLENGERS

NIGEL MANSELL: Born August 8, 1954. Lives on Isle of Man. First Grand Prix: Austria 1980 for Lotus. Raced for: Lotus 1980-84; Williams 1985-88; Ferrari 1989. GP wins: 13, 12 pole positions, 10 fastest laps. GP total points: 214 in 119 races. Runner-up in world drivers' championship in 1986 and 87.

DEREK WARWICK: Born August 28, 1954. Lives on Jersey. First Grand Prix: USA 1981 for Toleman. Raced for: Toleman 1981-83; Renault 1984-85; Brabham 1986; Arrows 1987-89. GP wins: none (best results 2nd in British and Belgian GP in 1984), two fastest laps. GP total points: 54 in 100 races.

JONATHAN PALMER: Born November 11, 1956. Lives at Dogmersfield, Hampshire. First Grand Prix: European 1983 for Williams. Raced for: Williams 1983; RAM, 1984; Zakspeed, 1985-86; Tyrrell 1987-88. GP wins: none (best result third at Monaco in 1987). Non-turbo world champion in 1987. GP total points: nine in 79 races.

MARTIN BRUNDLE: Born June 1, 1959. Lives: Gayton, near King's Lynn. First Grand Prix: Brazil 1984 for Tyrrell. Raced for: Tyrrell 1984-85; Zakspeed 1987; Brabham 1989. GP wins: none (best result second at Detroit in 1984). GP total points: 16, in 54 races. Won World Sportscar Drivers' Championship racing for Jaguar in 1988.

JOHNNY HERBERT: Born June 27, 1964. Lives: Romford, Essex. 1987 British Formula Three Champion. Raced Formula 3000 last season before being signed up by Benetton for his debut F1 season this year.

McRae chases success

Jimmy McRae, of Scotland, bids for his third successive victory in the Circuit of Ireland Rally when 76 cars set out for the three-day event from Belfast today.

McRae, the present British Open champion, was out-paced by the new Toyota of David Llewellin in the opening round of the Shell British Championship in the Yorkshire Forests last month, but, on the tarmac roads of Ireland, the extra power of McRae's Ford Sierra should prove decisive.

Llewellin, who has done well in Ireland in the past, will be hoping for as much rain, snow and general treachery as the Irish weather can muster to help his chances. Reliability will still be his main priority and a top three finish would set him up nicely for the third round in his native Wales.

Mark Lovell, Russell Brookes and Gwyndaf Evans, all in Sierras, will chase McRae hard in the 200-mile rally.

MOTOR CYCLING

Lawson will defend his title with Honda

Eddie Lawson, the world motor cycling champion, will begin his defence of the 500cc title in *Japan tomorrow*. After six highly successful years with Yamaha, during which he won the world championship three times — in 1984, 1986 and 1988 — Lawson has switched to Honda for the new season.

This means the American will be riding on the same type of machine as his leading rival, Wayne Gardner, who won the championship he won in 1987. Gardner, was the first Australian to win the 500cc title and said he found it difficult to accept losing it. "I'm really looking forward to the challenge of having Eddie Lawson riding Honda machinery for the first time. The hard part of being champion is hanging on to the title," he said.

Although the pair will be riding identical Honda bikes, they will be in separate teams. Gardner will ride with fellow-Australian, Michael Doohan, in the official factory team, while Lawson will ride for a sister team under the management of Erv Kanemoto.

Lawson said: "I needed a new start and a new challenge to keep me motivated and Honda have given me that chance." Lawson and Gardner are expected to command the limelight, but could find themselves upstaged by the former triple world champion, Freddie Spencer, who returns with Yamaha in another attempt to revive former glories.

The American riders, Kevin Schwantz, who won two grands prix last year on his Suzuki, and Wayne Rainey, with Spencer at Yamaha, are also expected to be challengers for the championship, with Niall Mackenzie, of Britain, also on a Yamaha.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Touch and go but Wigan favourites

By Keith Macklin

Most rugby league followers believe that powerful, in-form Wigan will win today's Silk Cut challenge cup semi-final against Warrington at Maine Road, Manchester, where a crowd of about 30,000 is expected. Wigan are having one of their irresistible spells when victories roll off the assembly line, while Warrington struggle, emerging from the threat of relegation with the victory over Halifax last week.

One man who does not anticipate the formality of a Wigan win is the coach at Central Park, Graham Lowe. He said yesterday: "When we played Warrington in the league recently at Wilderspool, they gave us the hardest game we have had all season. It was touch and go right to the end and we did well to get away with it. Warrington always produce their best form against us, and the semi-final will be no exception."

Warrington are strengthened in the pack by the return of Steve Roach, but much will depend on whether he and his fellow Australian front-row forward, Les Boyd, can curb their notorious tempers. If they do, they will put beef into a pack led by Mike Gregory, a Great Britain player.

Despite their scrum half injury problems, Warrington can call upon one of the most skilful and elusive half backs in the business in John Woods, and if he is on form he can be a match winner. Against this there is the inevitable Wigan array of international talent, with Lowe able to choose his squad from his full complement of players. For the first time this season, the Wigan party is free from injury.

Anything can happen, as St Helens proved when they overturned the odds against Widnes in the first semi-final. Lowe believes that the wider pitch will suit his players, who like to run with the ball, but he is the last person to underestimate a team which has shaken Wigan several times in recent seasons. Wigan should win and return to Wembley to defend the trophy, but it will be close.

More woe as Miller walks out

By Keith Macklin

Hull	26
Hull Kingston Rovers	2

A woeful season for Hull Kingston Rovers took a further wretched turn when Gavin Miller, their Australian forward, walked out on the club before the traditional holiday derby match. It appears that Miller requested more money to remain and play, and when this was refused, he booked his ticket and flew home to Australia. David Bishop took his place at loose forward yesterday.

Colin Hutton, the Rovers chairman, attempted to defuse the situation by saying that Miller's contract was nearly up anyway, and that he would not have played because of an injury, but there is no doubt that Miller's defection is a bitter disappointment. The player will probably return next season to play for Leeds, Wigan or St Helens.

Things continued to go wrong from the start of a match that almost certainly represented Rovers' last chance of scraping out of the relegation zone.

Rovers had the benefit of a Humberside gale in the first half, but it proved as much a disadvantage as a boon, with the ball flying into touch without bouncing on many occasions.

Hull scored two excellent tries before half time. Pearce dived over after a Dannatt plunge, then O'Hara finished off and eight-man move started in the Hull half by Blacker. Pearce landed the goal to his own try, and Rovers' only reply was a penalty goal by Mike Fletcher.

Rovers attempted to inject more life into their game in the second half with Porter, Ema and Bishop showing spirited form in the pack, but their effort was killed off when Ema was injured and then Hull's Welsh stand-off half, Pearce, sold an impudent dummy to the sleeping Rovers defence, and trotted round to the posts. He kicked the goal and Hull had the game in their pockets.

Pearce ran in his third try and took his goals total to three for a personal match tally of 18 points and Price also touched down for Hull.

HULL: P Fletcher; P Eastwood, B Blacker, R Price, D O'Hara; G Pearce, P Windley; A Dannatt, L Jackson, S Crooks, J Sharp, T Wilby, G Divorty.
HULL KINGSTON ROVERS: J Hallas; R Pratt, D Laws, M Fletcher, T Sullivan; W Parker, M Robinson; C Armstrong, D Watkinson, M Porter, Z Ema (sub: P Fletcher), P Lyman, D Bishop.
Referee: G Kershaw (York).

Partners in grime

CHRIS COLE



Running aground: Two of the competitors in the Devizes to Westminster canoe race take to land in Wiltshire yesterday

Hong Kong refute eligibility protest

By Richard Eaton

Hong Kong yesterday denied allegations that they had used ineligible players in their women's team that beat England 3-1 in the final of the Butterfly Commonwealth championships at Cardiff.

During Thursday's final, Chan Tan Lui, aged 20, unexpectedly made her first appearance for Hong Kong and beat both Alison Gordon and Lisa Lomas.

Neither Chan nor her colleague Chai Po Wah should have played, a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association said. It alleges that the two players came from mainland China and had not been resident in Hong Kong for the obligatory two years. But the senders remain anonymous, merely calling themselves "The Justice Group".

The England captain, Donald Parker, said: "I don't want it to sound like sour grapes but they used strong players we had not seen before. We trust the necessary checks have been taken on their eligibility." However, the chairman of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Association, Horace Mallett, said the association had not officially received the letter and as it was unsigned, there was no responsibility to pursue the matter.

The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association was adamant it had done nothing wrong. "There are rumours, but our players are eligible," the secretary, Lau Kwok Chu, said. "The government pays 70 per cent of our expenses. If we played someone who was not qualified the government would take away our money".

RESULTS: Men's singles first round: N Tyler (Wales) bt D Plaoge (Guernsey), 21-9, 21-6, 21-8; E Kasser (Aus) bt T Manning (Barbados), 21-12, 15-21, 21-19, 21-17; T Taylor (Eng) bt D Shah (Ken), 21-6, 21-11, 15-21, 21-12; M O'Driscoll (Eng) bt D McIlroy (Sco), 21-11, 21-10, 21-14; G Baker (Eng) bt A Evans (Wales), 23-21, 21-13, 21-16; T Omotara (Nigeria) bt A Shawon (NZ), 21-18, 21-13, 21-17; A Anastasgorou (Cyprus) bt N Maina (Ken), 21-13, 21-14, 21-18; A Dennison (Ire) bt A McMurchie (Sco), 21-18, 21-16, 22-20; B Wright (Sco) bt M Anastasgorou (Cyprus), 21-10, 21-23, 21-11, 21-18; M Bye (Eng) bt M Thomas (Wales), 21-5, 21-18, 21-8; P Jackson (NZ) bt E Ellis (Jersey), 21-11, 21-13, 21-14; J Ng (Can) bt A Bichard (Guernsey), 21-9, 21-13, 21-14; K Satchell (Eng) bt N Carvalho (Ken), 21-13, 21-14, 21-10; T Taylor (Eng) bt C Bernard (Sco), 21-12, 21-17; P Whiting (Eng) bt D Crosin (Jersey), 21-13, 21-18, 21-16; G Evans (Wales) bt E Skeete (Barbados), 21-11, 21-13, 21-13; W Ahmed (Nigeria) bt M Mulley (Guernsey), 21-9, 21-7, 21-9; S Harris (Wales) bt B Cuffaut (Mau), 21-18, 22-16, 21-16; N Mainesby (NI) bt N Williams (Wal), 21-14, 21-17, 21-18; D Maicaling (Austria) bt N Darroch (NZ), 21-14, 13-21, 18-21, 21-12, 21-16; S Srinivasan (India) bt G Gerousos (Cyp), 21-14, 21-10, 21-10; C Dorkenoo (Eng) bt S Ward (Wales), 21-18, 21-18, 21-11; D Weir (N Ire) bt F Daim (Ken), 21-18, 21-19, 21-12; J Hilton (Eng) bt I McLean (Sco), 21-9, 21-7, 21-15; S Olaleye (Nigeria) bt D Buck (Wales), 21-7, 21-8, 21-7; G Riley (Barbados) bt M Gaudion (Guernsey), 21-5, 21-7, 21-15; J Dill (N Ire) bt C Kelly (Wales), 23-21, 21-17, 21-11; A Nakhuda (Pak) bt F Trudel (Can), 21-12, 21-16, 9-21, 21-5; E Walker (Sco) bt M Mwangi (Ken), 21-16, 21-17, 21-16; C Oldfield (Eng) bt D Sears (NZ), 21-12, 21-6, 21-16; J Dennison (Jam) bt F Bougaard (Jersey), 25-24, 21-12, 22-20.

GOLF

Finney keeps her cool while Johnson buckles

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

The British contingent of four acquitted themselves adequately on the first day of the Phoenix Classic at Moon Valley, with no one scoring worse than a 75, but Allison Finney, a journeywoman professional from Winnetka, Illinois, took the lead with a round of 66, seven under par.

Finney was two shots ahead of Beth Daniel, but found that, since she was last out, almost everybody else had gone home by the time she birdied her last four holes to move out in front, her moment of glory was muted. She started with three birdies and made her only mistake at the first hole, her 10th, where she missed a putt of no more than two feet.

Finney was delighted that she did not get nervous when she realized that she was playing well but the same could not be said for Trish Johnson, of Britain. She was three under par after 10 but finished on 73, level par, and said disgustedly: "How can you get nervous when you're hitting the ball and scoring well? It's ridiculous."

Daft it my be, but it is a common fact of the competitive golfing life and, with luck, Johnson will get used to it and overcome it.

Pam Wright, of Scotland, also faltered late in her round, dropping shots at the 15th and 16th in what she described as a fit of carelessness and her 75 means she cannot afford such mistakes in the second round if she is to qualify.

FIRST ROUND LEADERS (US unless stated): 66: A Finney. 69: B Daniel. 69: P Hammmel; J Prock. 70: S Quinlan; J Rosenthal; J Stephenson (Aus); C Hill. 71: L Gerbaca, Ok-Hee Ku (S Korea), P Rizzo; T Green; M Bartsotti; K Shipman. Other scores: 73: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp). C Pierce (GB); T Johnson (GB); A-M Pall (Fr). 75: P Wright (GB); N Lopez, L Davies (GB).

POWERBOATING

Foiled by the elements

By Malcolm McKeag

Appalling weather and sea conditions in the North Sea yesterday blew away the attempt by Ilan Voyageur, the revolutionary powered trimaran of designer, Nigel Irens, and skipper, Mark Pridie, to voyage nonstop round Britain in under 90 hours.

At 12.30pm Ilan Voyageur, which has a cockpit open to the full fury of the elements, put *into Montrose on the Scottish* east coast to pump out the ton or so of sea water in her bilges and give her battered crew a rest from Force 10 winds and seas running between 25 and 30 feet.

At 3.30pm, with no let-up in the weather and with oil rig supply vessels staying in port, Pridie prudently decided to remain alongside until the weather moderates.

Although the decision effectively means an end to the record attempt, Ilan Voyageur will not take on fuel in Montrose and as soon as she can will go back to sea, to complete her primary mission of voyaging round Britain without refuelling.

The boat is a test bed for designer Irens' theories on low technology, fuel-efficient, high speed sea transport, inspired partly by his work on sailing multi-hulls, which use only the wind for motive power and partly by the unrefuelled round the world flight of the American aviation pioneer, Bert Rutan.

YACHTING

Flyer is still keeping a winning tack

Flyer, designed by Rob Humphreys and steered by Mike Hobbs, of Britain, raised her winnings to $66,666 (about £37,000) by taking the second race of the four-day Ziplock Ultimate 30 Regatta in San Francisco on Thursday (Malcolm McKeag writes).

In a light-weather race with continual place changing, the Marcus Hutchinson-designed Chattanooga Chew-Chew, sailed by Mark Ploch, finished second but was penalized for having missed the final gate.

Yesterday the Ultimate 30s were scheduled to take a lay-day.

FOOTBALL

McNeill may introduce a new firm up front

By Roddy Forsyth

Three clubs are engaged over the next seven days in fixtures which will greatly influence the destination of the season's honours. Celtic and Dundee United meet this afternoon at Parkhead, each aware that defeat would diminish their hopes of winning the championship; in Celtic's case, their defence of it would become virtually hopeless.

Billy McNeill is obliged to make changes in the home selection. Having failed to secure a replacement for McAvennie, the manner of whose departure has disturbed supporters, the Celtic manager seems certain to offer Walker and McGhee the chance to establish a forward partnership.

Coyne, the recent £500,000 signing from Dundee, will make his home debut, as will McCahill, who arrived from Dumbarton a few weeks ago. McCahill's inclusion is necessary because McCarthy is suspended after his dismissal last Saturday.

For Dundee United this fixture extends their present concern with the Old Firm. Having drawn 2-2 with Rangers in the Scottish Cup quarter-final last Tuesday, they must meet the Ibrox team again on Monday. United are in the happy position of having a full-strength squad. They add Curran to the pool which was on duty in midweek.

Rangers will attempt to extend their League leadership against Hibernian at Easter Road, knowing that time is evaporating for their principal rivals. Rangers face three away games in succession and if they emerge victorious from Monday's meeting with Dundee United and next Saturday's visit to Celtic, they will be emphatic favourites to complete a clean sweep of honours.

They must continue to do without the suspended Brown, but Ferguson joins their squad. Hibs, too, have a target, in this case a place in the Uefa Cup next season, and Archibald is in their pool, despite his request for a transfer.

St Mirren are two points behind Hibs in the quest for the remaining European place and hope to use the players who were responsible for the 4-1 defeat of Dundee United two weeks ago. Lambert, however, has a poisoned foot and will have to pass a late fitness test.

Aberdeen, unbeaten for the past four League games, are in third place, separated by goal difference from Dundee United. Snelders, the Pittodrie goalkeeper, was in action for The Netherlands against the Soviet Union in midweek and was much praised for his part in a 2-0 Dutch victory.

Gordon Wallace yesterday completed his first signing as Dundee manager when he brought Albert Craig to Dens Park from Newcastle United for £100,000. He will play against Motherwell. Craig's former club, Hamilton Academical, entertain Heart of Midlothian, Accies having not played at home in 10 fixtures. For obvious financial reasons, they would be grateful if the gales and rain which swept Scotland yesterday have abated enough to guarantee the match taking place.

Rovers do not hit promotion form

By Ian Ross

Oldham Athletic	1
Blackburn Rovers	1

Blackburn Rovers moved up to third place in the second division yesterday but failed to produce the form needed to win promotion.

After a month in which they have picked up five points out of a possible 18, Rovers may have to accept that a more realistic target is the end-of-season play-offs in which their hopes of first division football perished 12 months ago.

On a well-sanded, artificial surface made all the more treacherous by a swirling wind which at times threatened to reach gale-force proportions, Oldham performed with more composure than did their opponents in an opening period which, despite the conditions, was entertaining.

Blackburn produced the moments of class, but their more ambitious forward thrusts came to little or nothing as the home side's comprehensive and, for once, successful offside trap held the balance of power.

With errors of judgement almost as commonplace as accurate passes, chances of any note were something of a rarity and it took a piece of improvization in the fifth minute to break a fragile deadlock. Inevitably, the goal went to Oldham, who had wisely chosen to play with the wind at their backs in the opening half.

Wright, released down the left flank by a pass from Milligan, crossed deep into the Blackburn penalty area and at the moment the ball seemed destined to drift behind, Kelly stole in unannounced to score from an acute angle.

Palmer should have extended that lead before the interval, but he could do no more than drive tamely into the legs of Gennoe, the Blackburn goalkeeper, after a free kick by Irwin had caused consternation in the visitors' defence.

The quality of the game dipped in the second half, in which the referee confounded both teams with needless interventions.He did not, however, interfere when Blackburn climaxed a spell of vastly improved football with an excellent equalizer in the 65th minute.

A cross from Reid which hung on the wind looped over the head of Marshall and fell at the feet of Garner, who drilled home a shot from eight yards after having struggled to establish control.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC: J Hallworth; D Irwin, E Barrett, J Kelly, I Marshall, P Stopper, R Palmer, A Ritchie, T Henry, M Milligan, T Wright.
BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe; M Atkins, C Sully, N Reid, C Hendry (sub: T Diamond), K Hill, H Gayle, J Miller, A Kennedy, S Garner, S Sellers (sub: R Hildersley).
Referee: T Holbrook.

In the black

Three balance sheets issued by Halifax Town Football Club from April 1, 1985 to June 30, 1988 show losses of £118,000 and £163,000, and a profit of £83,000 which resulted from a £142,000 grant from the majority shareholders, Calderdale Council. Halifax now have a bank surplus of around £100,000 after transfer profits.

Sudbury go for them all

By Paul Newman

Sudbury Town travel to Hungerford Town today for the first leg of their FA Vase semi-final, hoping to make up for the disappointment of going out at the same stage 12 months ago. However, their opponents will also be looking to break new ground, having lost on both their previous appearances in the semi-finals, in 1978 and 1980.

Sudbury have already accounted for two of this season's favourites, Rossendale United and Bashley, and have conceded only one goal in the competition. They are still in three other cups and are also in contention for the Jewson Eastern Counties League championship.

Money, a forward, is suspended for Sudbury, but Hungerford have the greater selection problems. Injuries have ruled out Gary Goodwin, one of the joint player-managers, and Bale, the captain, for the rest of the season.

The two other semi-finalists, Tamworth, who have home advantage in the first leg, and North Ferriby United, have never reached this stage of the Vase before. North Ferriby are rarely watched by crowds of more than 200 in the Northern Counties East League, but Tamworth regularly attract attendances of more than 1,000 in the Beazer Homes League.

Seeded teams for World Cup named

Milan (AP) — Joao Havelange, the chairman of the International Football Federation (FIFA), was reported yesterday as saying that Italy, Argentina, Brazil, West Germany, Belgium and France will be the seeded teams in the 1990 World Cup.

The Brazilian official added that Spain and England would take over if some of the seeds do not qualify for the final rounds of next year's competition in Italy.

Italy and Argentina are the only certain qualifiers as both teams have been exempted from qualifying matches — the first as representative of the host country and the latter as defending the champions.

Havelange, in an interview with Italy's largest sports daily newspaper *Gazzetta dello Sport*, of Milan, emphasized, however, that seeds will not be a decisive factor under a formula providing that three teams, out of four, in four rounds, out of six, qualify for the eighth finals.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Barclays League

Second division

OLDHAM	(1)	1	BLACKBRN	(0)	1
Kelly			Garner		
			11,752		
WATFORD	(0)	0	C PALACE	(0)	1
15,195			Barber		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	35	20	11	4	72	37	71
Manchester City	35	19	9	7	58	33	66
Blackburn	36	17	8	11	58	51	59
West Bromwich	35	15	13	7	53	32	58
Ipswich	35	17	5	13	56	45	56
Watford	34	15	8	11	48	37	53
Swindon	33	14	11	8	50	40	53
Bournemouth	34	16	5	13	43	42	53
C Palace	33	14	10	9	50	40	52
Stoke	33	14	10	9	43	47	52
Leeds Utd	35	12	14	9	48	39	50
Barnsley	34	12	12	10	48	48	48
Portsmouth	35	12	10	13	43	43	46
Sunderland	35	11	11	13	44	47	44
Leicester	35	10	13	12	43	50	43
Oldham	36	9	15	12	60	58	42
Oxford	35	10	11	14	47	49	41
Plymouth	34	11	8	15	39	48	41
Bradford	35	9	13	13	36	45	40
Hull	34	10	8	16	42	54	38
Brighton	35	10	7	18	45	52	37
Shrewsbury	34	5	14	15	27	51	29
Birmingham	34	5	9	20	20	55	24
Walsall	34	4	11	19	29	57	23

GM Vauxhall Conference

BARNET	(0)	2	WELLING	(2)	3
Stein, Regis 3,008			Bukker 2, White		

Third division

BRENTFRD	(0)	0	FULHAM	(0)	1
10,851			Cole		

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolverhampton	33	22	7	4	77	33	73
Port Vale	33	18	9	6	60	33	63
Sheffield Utd	31	19	5	7	70	35	62
Fulham	35	17	6	12	54	50	57
Preston	35	15	11	9	62	43	56
Bristol R	33	15	11	7	54	37	56
Swansea	34	15	11	8	44	34	56
Bury	35	15	9	11	52	49	54
Chester	33	14	9	10	47	48	51
Notts County	34	12	10	12	44	39	46
Bristol C	33	13	7	13	36	40	46
Huddersfield	33	13	6	14	41	50	45
Brentford	32	11	10	11	45	44	43
Mansfield	34	10	13	11	36	39	43
Northampton	35	13	4	18	50	58	43
Reading	34	10	10	14	48	54	40
Bolton	33	10	9	14	38	42	39
Cardiff	31	10	9	12	32	43	39
Blackpool	33	9	11	13	39	40	38
Southend	33	8	11	14	38	56	35
Chesterfield	35	10	5	20	36	69	35
Wigan	31	7	9	15	35	49	30
Aldershot	34	6	10	18	34	59	28
Gillingham	35	6	4	25	31	65	22

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Leytonstone-Ilford 4, Croydon 1; Farnborough 1, Windsor and Eton 0.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: bath 2, Merthyr 3.

Rugby League

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 26, Hull KR 2. Second division: Runcorn 6, Keighley 34; York 0, Sheffield 21; Workington 5, Whitehaven 12; Leigh 14, Chorley 6.

THE GOLF BALL HAS COME A LONG, LONG WAY.

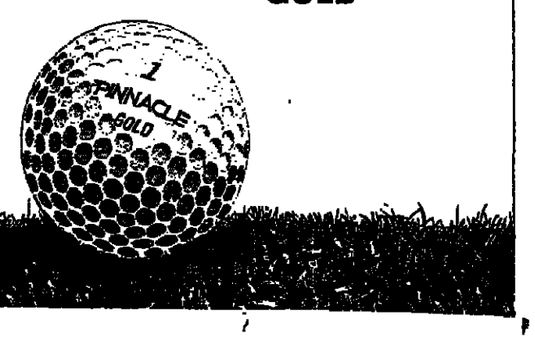
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Bath send SOS to Simpson for stiff task at Kingsholm

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

When Dick Best, coach to the Harlequins, heard that Leicester had selected Rory Underwood and Barry Evans as wings for today's Pilkington Cup semi-final at the Stoop Memorial Ground he was not displeased. Internationals though they be, he felt his players knew what to expect.

No sooner was his back turned (business takes him to Portugal this weekend), than Evans withdrew because of the calf muscle he strained in last Sunday's B international in Piacenza. So Tony Underwood joins his older brother for the first time and provides more of an unknown quantity, despite the plethora of representative games in which he has played this season.

Whether any of the four wings plays an influential role depends on the weather: "If this rain keeps up you won't see much thrilling rugby." Best said as Harlequins, the holders, prepared to meet Leicester for the fourth time in the knockout competition.

Leicester beat the London club 16-9 in the 1980 semi-final (at Twickenham) and won both the 1983 and 1986 quarter-finals, one home and one away. The Stoop holds no fears for them and they will have the fervent support of over 3,000, who have not seen their side in a cup final for six years. And though sentiment plays little part in rugby, the Tigers would love to help Hare — in whose honour the 1980 grand slam England side will gather at a dinner next month — to another Twickenham appearance in his final season.

Harlequins, though, are on a successful roll; the full-strength side has not lost since November and even though Carling is absent, Salmon is there to exercise a calm, controlling influence. He will share, with Stuart Thresher, the kicking duties — two men to try and outgun Hare, the sharpest shooter in the country. The difference between the sides at the end may well be the odd goal kick.

There is a thunderous quality about the other semi-final, where 10,500 will pack Kingsholm to see if Gloucester can repeat last month's feat and down Bath. That, albeit on a night when Bath were missing their four England players, brought to an end their unbeaten season but Keith Richardson, the Gloucester coach, is well aware of the difficulties of a repetition.

"Bath are brilliant at actually winning matches and they do so even when they have an off-day," he said. "We could have done without being drawn against them but, in an odd way, this gives us our best chance of winning the cup, because playing on our own ground is more help to us than if we were to meet Bath in the final at neutral Twickenham."

There have been three previous meetings between these clubs, too, the last one in the 1985 semi-final when Tim Smith scored two tries but Bath succeeded at Kingsholm (for the first time in 17 years) 12-11. Smith is Gloucester's full back again today and is second only to Hare in the national points-scoring charts but his effect will hinge on the battle royal fought out between the packs.

Both clubs like to ruck, both have chunky scrum halves with an eye for the gap and supportive back rows. Bath's is better known but Gloucester's, even without the injured Teague, commands respect. Bath still have a slight doubt over Hall's recovery from an ankle injury and have asked Simpson to return early from a holiday in France in case he is needed.

The winners? Bath, already the league winners, are the favourites and Leicester the outsiders; it would be no surprise, though, to see both today's home clubs in the final on April 29.

Today's teams

At Stoop Memorial Ground

HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; E Davis, J Salmon, A Thompson, J Eagle; R Cramb, C Luxton; P Curtis, J Olver; A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards, P Ackford, P Winterbottom, D Thresher.
LEICESTER: W Hare; T Underwood, P Dodge, I Bates, R Underwood; L Cusworth, A Kardooni; S Redfern, T Thacker, W Richardson, J Wells, M Foulkes-Arnold, T Smith, I Smith, D Richards.
Referee: I Bullerwell (East Midlands).

At Kingsholm

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; J Breeze, R Mogg, D Cummins, N Price; M Hamlin, M Harrinford; M Preedy, K Dunn, R Pascall, J Gadd, J Ethendge, N Scrivens, I Smith, B Clark.
BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, S Halliday, J Guscott, B Trevaskis; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, J Hall, J Morrison, N Redman, A Robinson, D Egerton.
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

ROSS KINNAIRD



A Tiger among his sheep: Dusty Hare, a record-breaking full back for both England and Leicester, on his farm near Newark

An old routine nearing its end

By Mick Cleary

"My rugby life has always followed a very set routine," says Dusty Hare, MBE, the Leicester and former England full back. "Very edgy from nerves on a Friday night; drunk on a Saturday night and edgy with a hangover on Sunday."

The well-established routine will not have varied for the Pilkington Cup semi-final today against Harlequins. "Let's hope that Sunday's hangover is a champagne one," Hare says. If it is, it is more than likely that Hare will have played a huge part in advancing Leicester's bid for a fourth cup success this decade.

Hare, aged 36, will retire at the end of this season after 19 years of first-class rugby. In that time he has become a walking statistic.

His 240 points in 25 matches for England make him his country's record points scorer. In eight of those games he was England's only scorer. He has scored more points in a five nations' championship season — 44 — than any other Englishman. As England once more reflect on defeat in Wales it is interesting to note that no Englishman since Bristol's Sam Tucker in the 1920s has a better record against Wales than Hare, three wins and a draw from six games.

At club level he is far and away the world's leading scorer with 7,118 points and is within 19 points of breaking his own club record of 396 in a season. His memory is rather clouded also about the last time he failed to score for Leicester. Not surprising really, for it was 179 games ago.

Hare, though, is much more than an anodyne list of facts and figures. The warmth of the reception given to him by the members of Leicester RFC at a special dinner last Tuesday testified to that. They appreciated his no-nonsense, unpretentious approach to the game as much as his remarkable feats of goal kicking.

Yet a mild, retiring personality does mask a passionately keen and competitive man within. When he was dropped by England in 1981 he was devastated. Failure hurt.

When he was recalled a year later he responded in the best possible manner — 19 points at the Parc des Princes in England's astonishing 27-15 victory. "That night I meant to tell Budge Rogers, the chairman of selectors, what I thought of him for dropping me," Hare recalls. "I never did get round to it."

Retirement comes at a time when Dusty (the nickname came from his father on seeing his newborn son's speckled head) is enjoying his rugby more than ever. "League rugby is a marvellous thing," he said. "I love the atmosphere, the big crowds, the media interest and the pressure. The higher the stakes, the better I like it. I just wish it had happened 10 years ago."

Family commitments — his third child is just five months old — and the demands of tending to his 300-acre sheep farm near Newark have finally had to be faced. The 110-mile round trip to Leicester twice a week for training has taken its inevitable toll on someone who has to rise at 4am on Tuesdays for Melton market and often does not sleep at all on Wednesday nights, before his sheep go to Banbury market.

Hare would love to remain in the game, and indeed envisages still training and playing the occasional match. "I couldn't cut myself off completely just like that," he said. "I just enjoy the whole social spirit of the sport too much.

"I'd also like to gradually get involved in coaching. I don't think England involve former players enough in the preparation of international teams. A month ago at Leicester I met the former internationals Cholley, Bastiat and Bertrame who were assisting the French B team. It's the same in Scotland: Roy Laidlaw and John Rutherford are both an integral part of the set up. England need to do the same."

Hare left Newark for Nottingham from where he won his first cap in 1974. The 10-year span of his international career is the longest for an England full back. The game has changed much in his time.

"As from draughts to chess," he says. "Moves are, and have to be, much more orchestrated these days as defences are so disciplined. The secret of breaching a defence is still the same though — timing. You must hit the line at full speed and at the right moment. To achieve that you must have tremendous understanding with your centres."

As the rugby boots are hung up at the end of April, the cricket boots will come out. A Young England player with Graham Gooch, among others, Hare left school early to join the staff of Nottinghamshire. He had four seasons with them as a batsman and captained the second XI on many occasions.

Rugby, though, came to dominate his life. Barring accidents he will break the club record at his present rate of 14 points a match within the next week.

Barring accidents that is. Last year it was the same tale. When seeming certain to set a new landmark he missed the last two games after dropping a farm gate on his foot.

Earlier this week he tried to vault a fence on his farm. It snapped. Hare toppled to the ground and looked up askance. Not again. The Gods smiled however. They can be cruel, but not that cruel. Hare clambered gratefully to his feet and went back to contemplating the downfall of Harlequins.

Glasgow is awarded a tour of Japan

By Alan Lorimer

Scotland's party to tour Japan in May will contain 13 full internationals, 10 B players and three new to this level of rugby.

Commenting on the party yesterday, Bob Munro, the chairman of Scotland's selectors, said: "We kept in mind next season's matches and, of course, the World Cup. We will be looking to every one of these players to be ready for the World Cup."

The side will be coached by Richie Dixon and David Johnston, who took charge of Zimbabwe last year, and it will be managed by Bob Munro and captained by Brewster, the Stewart's Melville prop.

After stepping in for the injured Gavin Hastings in the inter-district championship, Glasgow, the Cambridge University player, has at last won recognition. He is selected at full back along with Wright (Kelso), but Glasgow, who is injured, has to prove his full fitness at the beginning of next month.

The other slightly surprising choice is at wing, where Stanger has been preferred to Stark, of Ayr, who played for the B side against France. Also missing is the London Scot, Renwick, and the Jed-Forest and Scotland B stand-off half, Shiel, who gives way to the Boroughmuir stand-off, Walker.

Another player to have gained ground in the past few weeks is Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute), who is preferred to the Scotland B scrum half, Scott.

Among the forwards the choice of Wainwright is perhaps the only marginally controversial selection. The Cambridge University flanker played against Italy B but was demoted to the replacement bench against France B but wins selection ahead of Rafferty, of Heriot's, one of the successes in Zimbabwe last year.

Although Cronin's availability had been doubtful, the Bath lock has had a change of heart and with Gray will form a powerful second-row partnership. The other lock in the touring party is Munro, whose performance against France B has won him the vote over Richardson, of Edinburgh Academicals.

The squad will meet on April 2 and April 23 before they get together for a full weekend on April 29 and 30 at Dunblane, which means that none of the party whose clubs are involved in the River Series Cup final will be able to take part in that match.

SQUAD: Full backs: C Glasgow (Cambridge University), M Wright (Kelso). Wings: M Duncan (West of Scotland), A Stanger (Hawick), I Tukalo (Selkirk). Centres: S Edwards (Boroughmuir), S Lineen (Boroughmuir), R Maclaren (Gloucester). Stand-off halves: M Walker (Boroughmuir), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville). Scrum halves: S Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute), G Oliver (Hawick). Prop forwards: A Brewster (Stewart's Melville, captain), P Burnell (London Scottish), D Milne (Heriot's FP), P Wright (Boroughmuir). Hookers: J Hay (Hawick), K Milne (Heriot's). Lock forwards: D Cronin (Bath), C Gray (Nottingham), S Munro (GHK). Flank forwards: A Blacheen-Smith (London Scottish), D Turnbull (Hawick), R Wainwright (Cambridge University). No 8s: G Marshall (Selkirk), I Paxton (Selkirk).

● Ulster have announced their team to meet a Willie Anderson XV in the Billy Beattie memorial match at Omagh today week.

TEAM: C Wilkinson (Malone); T Ringland (Ballymena), G Maxwell (Bangor), M Hyde (Instonians), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena, captain); M Reynolds (Malone), S Smith (Ballymena), P Miller (Ballymena), D Whittle (London Irish), P Johns (Gosforth), D Tweed (Ballymena), B Robinson (Ballymena), G Hamilton (NIFC).

Young ruled out for Cardiff

By David Hands

No sooner had he been named in the British Lions tour party on Wednesday than David Young, the Welsh tight-head prop, was forced to withdraw from the Cardiff team to play the Barbarians today. The aggravation of an old thumb injury will also keep him out of the Schweppes Welsh Cup semi-final against Neath in a fortnight's time.

This will be a worry for the Lions management since Young has played only four games since recovering from knee ligament damage sustained against Scotland in January. A problem with an old fracture of the thumb recurred during Tuesday's game against Bristol but at least it should not prevent the player from training regularly.

In his absence, Blackmore, another international, comes in to the club team and Ring plays his second game since his long lay-off because of a knee injury. Cardiff field seven capped players against eight in the proposed Barbarians team which includes two Lions, Mullin and Chalmers.

Chalmers is one of nine new Barbarians in this weekend's tour party, of whom six play today, including two of the back row, Jones and Ryan. The latter will add height to a lineout already well equipped with Gray, Kimmins — a try scorer for England B against Italy last weekend — and Wainwright.

Neath, meanwhile, head out of Wales in pursuit of the six tries they need to beat the world record of 269 tries scored in a season, set by Bridgend in 1984. They play at Coventry with a side including Gary Williams, formerly of Orrell, at scrum half and, on the wing, Jason Ball.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Coventry v Neath
Rowland plays in Coventry's back row in the absence of the injured Thomas, who broke his nose playing against Nuneaton. Pugh, the Welsh prop, leads Neath who include Mark Jones and Pickering in their back row.

Headingley v Lvrpl St H
Headingley move Appleson to full back and Kennell comes in at wing. Fraser and Hargreaves returning to the pack. Liverpool hope to have Potter and Sainsbury at lock with Donald in the back row.

Moseley v Nottingham
Moseley play Fenley, their reserve scrum half, at stand-off because of Johnson's unavailability through illness and Daniel gets his chance at No 8. Hindmarch returns to Nottingham's second row with Worrall at scrum half.

Orrell v Blackheath
Langford reverts to full back for Orrell after a rare appearance at flanker, with Ainscough at stand-off and Hitchen at hooker. Fenby leads Blackheath from hooker with Jones back at centre and Pound continuing at full back.

Saracens v Vale of Lune
Saracens give a debut at stand-off to Churchman and field Given, a student at Cambridge, on the wing against the Lancashire club who are missing the experienced Hodgson.

Rainey out of quarter-final

The league champions, Ballymena, who travel to Hamilton Park for a quarter-final game in the AIB Ulster Senior Challenge Cup against Ards, will be without the Ulster full back, Philip Rainey (George Ace writes).

Life is rather hectic in the Rainey household at the moment, with the arrival of twins, so Colin Dick substitutes.

Ian Hughes, who has torn ligaments in a shoulder, gives way in the back row to Dean McCartney.

Oti missing

Chris Oti, the England winger, is among five Barbarians who will miss Wasps' match against Birkenhead Park at Sudbury on Easter Monday.

Huge task for Boroughmuir

By Alan Lorimer

The backlog of fixtures in the McEwan's championship means that most Scottish clubs will be involved in league action today. Although, in theory, the championship will not be resolved this weekend, Kelso remain favourites to retain the title.

Kelso are two points clear of Boroughmuir, their nearest rivals, whom they meet at Meggatland today. To stop Kelso from taking the title Boroughmuir would not only have to win the match but do so by a margin of 45 points. Both sides have listed almost full strength teams, the only notable absentee being Peter Wright, Boroughmuir's young Scotland B prop, who has a leg injury.

That match, however, may not settle the matter. Edinburgh Academicals have played one game less and if they could achieve a massive points win over Glasgow High/Kelvinside, at Old Anniesland, and follow it with an equally big points victory over West of Scotland then in theory they could still win the title, if Boroughmuir beat Kelso.

Elsewhere, Glasgow Academicals, who also have a game in hand, will want to beat Selkirk, at New Anniesland, to retain a faint hope of avoiding relegation. In division two, Stirling County, the leaders, play Portobello FP in a match which should confirm the Bridgehaugh side as champions.

Many of Scotland's past international players will be on view at Riverside tomorrow when Jed-Forest play an international XV, including Andy Irvine and Jim Renwick, to raise money for the fund to help Eddie Renwick, the paralysed Jed-Thistle player. The Scottish Rugby Writers club has produced a book for the occasion entitled *Write Behind You* (£2.50) which will be available at clubs and by mail order from Jed-Forest RFC or the secretary of the Scottish Writers Club, 28 Abercorn Crescent, Edinburgh.

Davies is the inspiration

Sydney — Wales, who have never been noted for their expertise at the seven-a-side game, will require at least one member of their team in the Sydney Sevens, starting today, to produce a performance comparable with that turned in by Jonathan Davies in the same competition three years ago.

Davies almost single-handedly beat New Zealand on that occasion, and a similar display will be needed if the Welsh are to survive a pool containing New Zealand, South Korea and the United States.

The Welsh have a promising team, which contains four members of the British Lions party, Robert Jones, Ieuan Evans, Mike Hall and John Devereux.

IN BRIEF

Pakistan take Sharjah Cup

Sharjah (AP) — Pakistan won the Sharjah Cup, beating Sri Lanka by seven wickets in the second and final match of the tournament yesterday. Sri Lanka scored 244 for eight in the 50-over match. Pakistan knocked up 248 for three in 47.5 overs, with the stalwart Salim Malik scoring the only century of the series.

He was still batting when the Pakistanis declared, with his partner, Imran Khan, the captain, collecting 50 not out. Pakistan won the first match on Thursday by 30 runs.

SCORES: Pakistan 248-3, 47.5 overs (Salim Malik 100 not out, Shoaib Mohammed 65, Imran Khan 50 not out). Sri Lanka 244-8 (B Kuruppu 63, A de Silva 60; Imran Khan 3-49).

Drug proposals

Los Angeles (AP) — Olympic athletes in the United States and the Soviet Union could be subject to drug testing not only during and immediately after competitions, but also during training sessions, according to a proposal approved on Thursday by US and Soviet officials.

McMullen ban

The Rugby League disciplinary committee has imposed a four-match suspension on Alan McMullen, of Workington Town, who was sent off against Batley last weekend. Doncaster's Andy Timson has been banned for two games following his dismissal against Hunslet.

Monday flight

Delhi (AFP) — All-rounder Woorakeri Raman, who will replace the injured Indian opener, Krish Srikkanth, on the West Indies cricket tour, will fly to the Caribbean next Monday.

Maradona out

Naples (AP) — Diego Maradona, of Argentina, who has a right thigh strain, will miss Monday's match in Udine between the Brazilian national team and a Rest of the World selection. The match features the farewell match of Zico, of Brazil.

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SNOOKER

England take initiative in World Cup finale

By Steve Acteson

Snooker players complain perennially that many of the big professional tournaments have been devalued by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association's obsessive devotion to made-for-television best-of-nine-frames matches.

It is, therefore, something of a paradox that many of those same players find the format of the Fersina Windows World Cup, with matches limited to two frames at a time, totally acceptable.

This year's World Cup, which ended yesterday with England attempting to win the title for a record fourth time against a Rest of the World side making its final debut, has been an unqualified success in the eyes of both players and public.

Tony Drago, the 23-year-old from Malta, set an individual record of eight consecutive wins when he won the opening frame of the final against Steve Davis, the England captain, with a break of 51.

Davis, however, produced a break of 41 to take the second frame and Neal Foulds then defeated Dene O'Kane 2-0 to put England 3-1 ahead in the best-of-17 frames match.

RESULTS: Final: England lead Rest of the World 3-1. (England names first): S Davis and A Drago drew 1-1 (25-67, 68-26); N Foulds beat D O'Kane, 2-0 (70-41, 71-45). Thursday's late semi-final result: England bt Canada 5-2. (England names first): Davis bt C Thorburn, 2-0 (60-39, 73-20); J White drew with Stevens, 1-1 (76-46, 57-68); Foulds drew with R Chaperon, 1-1 (35-61, 71-28); Foulds bt Thorburn, 1-0 (88-20).

ORIENTEERING

Festival that is on the map

By Andrew Longmore

Visitors to the gardens at Stourhead or Longleat House this weekend had better take a map with them. One wrong turning and they could become part of the largest orienteering event to be held in Britain.

The TSB Jan Kjellstrom International Festival — or JK for short — has been held every Easter since 1967 when the first event was run to commemorate the death in a car crash of Jan Kjellstrom, of Sweden, who pioneered orienteering in Britain.

Kjellstrom's early enthusiasm has not been wasted as this year's record entry proves. Four thousand competitors, ranging in age from the under-10s to the over-70s and in ability from beginners to potential champions, will take to the brambles and pathways of Stourhead and Longleat over the next three days.

Unusually, for a major international event, the individual competition is over two days, today at Longleat, tomorrow at Stourhead, with the team relay at Stock Hill on Monday. Like the London Marathon, it is an event run on several levels.

The top British competitors, like last year's winner, Stephen Palmer, the British champion, Martin Bagness, and in the women's event, Karen Parker and Yvette Hague, get their first chance to attract attention before selection begins for the world championships, in August. For most, divided into 28 classes by age and sex, it is a chance to see if limbs and brain — orienteering needs both in good working order — have survived another winter.

Palmer should have no trouble in proving his fitness to the selectors and not just because his father, Peter, is director of coaching. Palmer, at 22 one of a new breed of top class British orienteers, has spent the winter in Sweden, working in a research laboratory, and perfecting his techniques in the snow-covered forests where the sport was first developed as a military exercise.

"I've been running over 100km a week in training so I'm feeling very fit," he said. "But it's the first race of the season and it's difficult to know how form will work out. The Swedes will be very strong."

Three hundred and thirty competitors are expected from overseas to tackle courses varying from 1km to 2km for 10-year-olds to 14km for the elite. "The sport is really beginning to take off," Roy Mason, administrative officer of the British Orienteering Federation, said. "Particularly in the schools and at junior level and this weekend is a real test because we will be able to compare ourselves with some of the best in the world."

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS
GUERNSEY: Six-mile road race: Men: M Harris (Portsmouth) 29min 14sec. Women: S Ellis (Birchfield Harrier) 33:24.

BADMINTON
PARIS: French Open championships: Men's singles: Second round (selected results): S Bubar (GB) bt Vimal Kumar (India), 15-4, 12-15, 18-15; Kaner Vijay Marg (Ita) bt C Hunt (GB), 15-4, 15-2; S Stoddarty (GB) bt J Hamilton (Ire), 15-12, 15-10; Dan (GB) bt T Akinlua (Swe), 15-6, 15-7; A Neckar (GB) bt J Doran (Ire), 15-7, 15-5; N Pangsar (GB) bt B Pitts (Ire), 15-7, 15-4. Third round: Yang Yang (China) bt Butler, 15-2, 15-12; Baddeley bt H Sperre (Norway), 15-11, 15-4; Xiong Guobo (China) bt Hall, 12-15, 15-5, 15-13; Nielsen bt Pangsar, 15-8, 15-8.
Women's singles: First round (selected results): S Hore (GB) bt Chan Mei Wai (HK), 8-11, 11-7, 11-2; A van der Knaap (Neth) bt T Sinden (GB), 11-6, 11-2; C Hellens (Den) bt J Muggeridge (GB), 11-6, 11-1; P Heddergaard (Den) bt Fisher (GB), 11-5, 11-2; M Sidek (Mal) bt S Wood (GB), 5-11, 12-9, 11-5. Second round: D Jingwei (China) bt Hore, 11-4, 11-3.

BASKETBALL
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Quarter-final: Barcelona 126, Maccabi Tel Aviv 77; Maccabi 102, Yugoslavia Yugo 90; Scavolini Pesaro 92, Ais Saronno (Gr) 90.
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Thursday: Washington Bullets 102, Charlotte Hornets 97; Cleveland Cavaliers 102, Milwaukee Bucks 88; Seattle Supersonics 113, Los Angeles Clippers 112; Phoenix Suns 134, Golden State Warriors 124; Los Angeles Lakers 115, Sacramento Kings 92.

CYCLING
LLORET DE MAR, Spain: Catalan Week: Final stage: 1, M Elliot (GB), 4:22:08; 2, M Hermans (Neth), same time; 3, S Galey (Fr), same time; Overall prologue: 1, R Dekoch (ING), 19:57.07; 2, P Delgado (Sp), at 7sec.

FOOTBALL
DVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: QPR 1, Millwall 3
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest 1, West Bromwich Albion 2; Liverpool 4, Sunderland 0; Coventry City 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: St Pauli 1, Hamburg 2.

HOCKEY
WEYMOUTH FESTIVAL: Men: Morning session: Crosno, 2, Mullins 0; Barmouthmen 1, Adnade 2, Weyrons 2, Blue Badgers 2; Spoolers 0, Gracuelas 0; Hoots 0, W W Wyverns 1, Strollers 1, O Stagsonians 0; Greenshawns 0, Herons 0; Players 0, Lions 4; Sisters 2, Ravens 1, Chemists 2, Archers 1; Ghosts 0, Sozonsd 3, Hangovers 1, Backers 1, Exonians 1, Spars 1, Crusaders 1, Civil Knaves 1; Wyrnots 1, Bulgars 4; Crosbys 1, Sorcerers 0, Ghosts A 1, Strollers A 3.
Women: Foresters 1, Oddones 0; Downlomers 0, Greenshanks 2; Dribblers 1, Scarlet Strollers 0, Crosbys 1, Wessex ED 0; Seasiders 0, Alfs 1; Reckends 0, Hampton 0; Dolly Mixtures 2, Crocodiles 0; Foresters Boys 1, Flamingoes 2, Weymouth 2, Fraud Squad 1; Barclays Bank 1, Newport 0; Blackholes 0, Portland Scags 1, Oddones 2, Bluesquares 4; Hampshire Hoggs 0, Foresters 1.

GOLF
NEW ORLEANS: PGA USF-and-G Classic: First-round leaders (all US): 66: D Forsman, 68: T Byrum, 69: L Crist, P McGowan, G Norman, W Sander, T Simpson, 69: J Haller, 70: A Bean, P Horgan III, M Hulbert, T Kite, P Stewart, R Wrenn.
PHOENIX: LPGA Standard Register Ping-golden Classic: First-round leaders (US unless stated): 68: A Forsey, 69: E Dussek, 69: J Pincock, P Hammel, 70: J Rosenthal, C Hill, S Cousins, J Stephenson, Bellaire, 70: T Johnson, 34, 39, 73, 75: L Davies, 35, 40, 75.
JAKARTA: Indonesian Open championship: Three-round leaders: 198: J Maggert (US), 66, 64, 70, 201: A Gilligan (Aus), 72, 64, 65, 202: E Aubrey (US), 68, 68, 66; K Triplett (US), 70, 64, 68, A Debusk (US), 67, 69, 66, J Cook (US), 67, 67, 68, 203: B Claar (US), 69, 67, 68, Kadady (Indo), 68, 68, 67; S Bowman (US), 66, 71, 66, 204: T Tyner (US), 68, 68, 68; S Chan (Aus), 70, 65, 69; Chen Liang Hsi (Taiwan), 67, 67, 70; F Mahoda (Phil), 67, 70, 67, 205: L Kuo Chin (Taiwan) 70, 68, 66; Kyi Hla Han (Burma), 68, 64, 73, 207: Li Wen Sheng (Taiwan), 70, 68, 71; C Espinosa (Mex), 71, 67, 69; D Whitworth (Jap), 71, 71, 65; E Toledo (Mex), 68, 71, 68; B Watts (US), 69, 70, 68.

RUGBY LEAGUE
OLDHAM: Stanfield Cup: Semi-final: Swinton Rangers 6, St Anne's 22.

RUGBY UNION
BRITISH COLLEGES CUP: Semi-final: St Paul and St Mary 20, West London Institute 12.
CLUB MATCH: Bath: Old Edwardians 14, Sibillians 4.

MOTOR CYCLING
BRANDS HATCH: Eurolantic Challenge: Race One (16 laps): 1, T Rymer (Yamaha), 33min 19.2secs, 86.74; 2, R Barnett (Honda), 33:31.2, 86.46; 3, M Phillips (Yamaha), 33:31.2, 86.48.

MOTOR RALLYING
HARROGATE: Kenya Safari rally: Final positions: 1, J Recalde (Arg, Lancia Delta), 01hr 20min 10sec time loss; 2, M Beaton (N. L. Delta), 01:26:27; 3, B Waldegaard (Swe, Toyota Supra), 01:32:23.

MOTOR SPORT
CHILTON PARK: Esso British Touring Car championship: saloons: First round: 1, R Gravett (Ford Sierra RS500), 34min 0.78sec.

BOWLS
COUNTY MATCH: Essex 136, Sussex 99.

ICE HOCKEY
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Sweden 5, Switzerland 4.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Thursday: Boston Bruins 5, New Jersey Devils 3; Quebec Nordiques 8, Hartford Whalers 3; New York Islanders 3, Minnesota North Stars 1; Calgary Flames 4, Los Angeles Kings 2; Edmonton Oilers 5, Winnipeg Jets 4.
WITNESS: World championships: Pool C: China 10, South Korea 4; Yugoslavia 14, North Korea 1; Hungary 7, Bulgaria 4; Netherlands 12, Australia 1.

SPEEDWAY
CHALLENGE MEETING: King's Lynn 48 (J Davis 14, L King 11, R Knight 7), Reading 42 (A Carrington 8, M Sharp 8, D Mullett 8, J Donchster 8).

SWIMMING
CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina: United States short-course national championships: Men: 100yds freestyle: J Harvey, 43.65sec. 200 backstroke: W Schwenk, 1:49.50. 400 individual medley: G Burgess, 3:43.79. 800 freestyle relay: Pine Crest Swim Team (T Greer, D Monasterio, S Bigelow, V deFrancus), 6:34.31. Women: 100 backstroke: A Mahoney, 55.72. 100 freestyle: J Thompson, 49.69. 500 freestyle: J Evans, 4:38.62.

Date for title bout

Milan (AP) — The European heavyweight champion, Francesco Damiani, will fight Johnny Du Plooy, of South Africa, for the newly-established title of the World Boxing Organization (WBO), Umberto Branchini, the manager of the Italian boxer, announced. The world heavyweight title contest will be held in the Sicilian city of Siracusa on May 6, Branchini said.

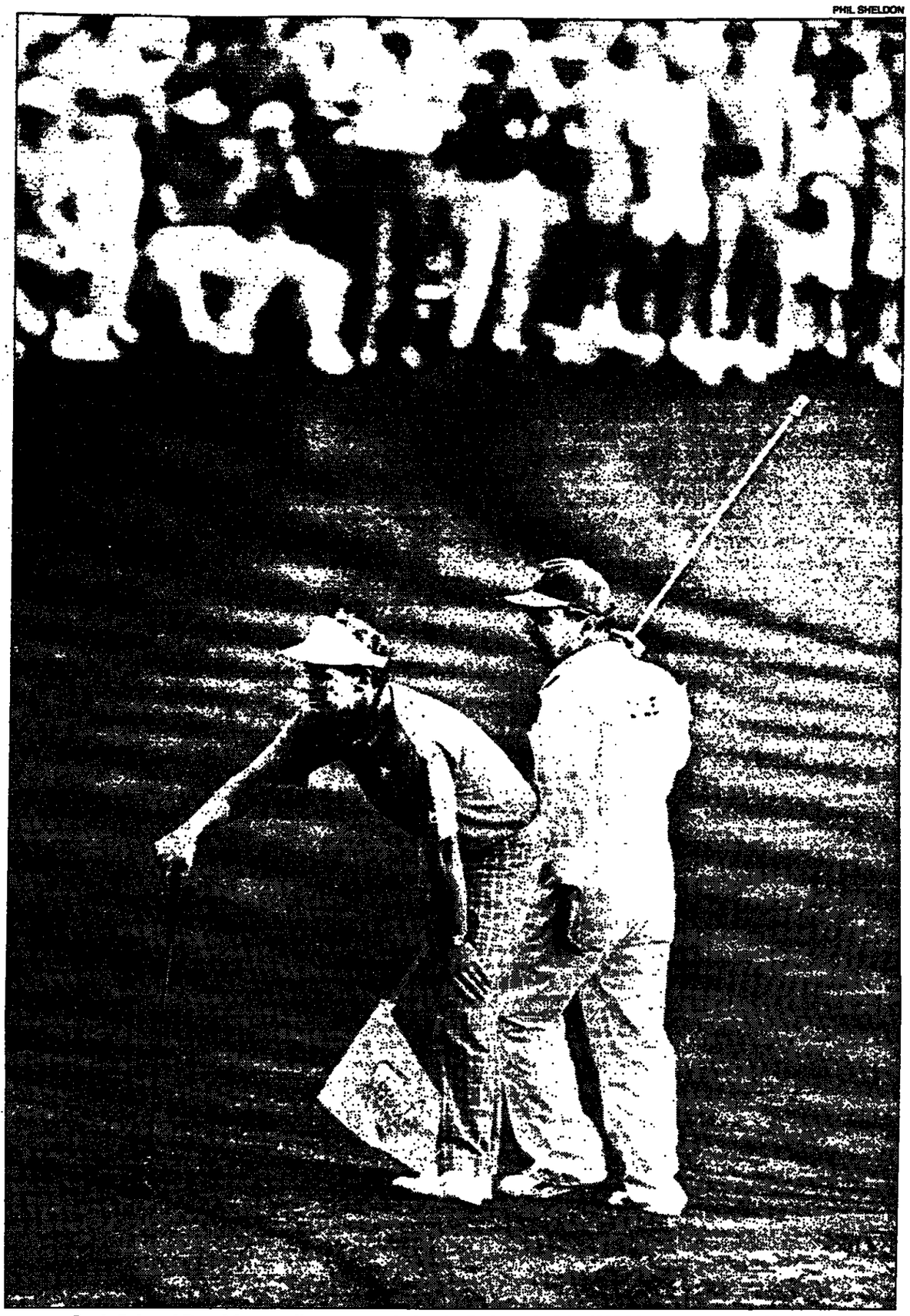
SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

THE DAY WE WON THE MASTERS



Dave Musgrove (left) has been Sandy Lyle's partner in golf for eight years: not just as caddie but as friend, on-course adviser and minder. Musgrove kept a diary of life with Lyle, capturing his triumphs of 1988. As Lyle prepares to defend his US Masters title, Musgrove tells of the drama at Augusta last April

PHIL SHELDON



Sandy Lyle and Dave Musgrove line up a putt during the final round of the 1988 Masters at Augusta National

After the first three rounds of the United States Masters at Augusta last April, Sandy Lyle of Britain led by two shots from Ben Crenshaw (United States) and by four from Mark Calcavecchia (US) and Bernhard Langer (West Germany).

Sunday, April 10

What are my thoughts this morning? You've got to stay calm. There's no point in getting all excited about the outcome. Tomorrow morning is going to come whatever happens. I know we're going to be very, very tired when we're finished today. And I do worry about the mistakes I might make. I know what they are because I've made most of them at some time or other. Getting your figures wrong, leaving a club out of the bag, taking one club too many.

I left the eight iron out of Sandy's bag at Phoenix last year. Guess how many times he wanted an eight iron in the round? He shot a 71. Went out the next day with the eight iron safely in place and he shot seventy-bloody-one. That's a lot better than having one club too many in the bag. I've nearly done that, too.

We'll be all right for golf balls. We'll have nine, maybe a dozen. Sandy rarely uses more than three in a round. I sometimes have to get him to change his ball. He seems to want to see how long he can make it last. Not like Langer. He'll use 15 or 16 in a round. He did that in the Ryder Cup in 1987. In the foursomes on Saturday morning, we had 18 balls and we used nearly all of them. Sandy played his next two matches with balls that Langer had rejected.

The balls will be marked with a sign so I know they're Sandy's. Since the Open at Muirfield in 1987, Sandy has been playing Dunlop balls world-wide but before that he used both Dunlop and Titleist. If they were Titleists, there was a pencil dot above and below the number. With Dunlops, I put the dots on either side of the number. The thing about playing Titleists in the States was the pool. If you finished in the top Titleist 20 players, you got money for it. Sandy got $25,000 at the 1987 Tournament Players' Championship just for using a Titleist, plus $5,000 for finishing top Titleist player and $20,000 for winning the tournament. It was double money in majors.

The Titleist ball flies higher than the Dunlop. So in warm countries with tight fairways and hard greens, where you have to hit it precise distances over bunkers and water, the Titleist is superior. But it's not a very versatile ball. It moves a lot in the wind. The Dunlop DDH stays on line better.

There'll be two towels in the bag, one in the pocket to keep the clubs dry in case it rains, and one hanging outside for cleaning the clubs. I always carry a gadget for tightening up studs, and several pencils. And I'll have masses of tees, all wooden so they won't damage the face of the club. I try to select white tees because they don't mark the club's sole plate the way red and green tees do. Sometimes the colour of the tee peg comes off on the ball. A white peg never shows.

I'll put Sandy's watch in a drawstring bag. He's contracted to Ebel, the Swiss watch manufacturer, so he has one to play in a slim one like the ones that Boris Becker, Bernhard Langer and Greg Norman wear, and a diver's watch, a big one, for dress. I've got my yardage book, the car keys, the locker key.

Sandy's got a pitchmark repairer that he has had for years. We have to keep track of that because it's a good big one and it has a bottle-opener on the end. I carry tape for him to put on the fourth finger of his right hand, which tends to split. In the past, I have even carried medicine in case his stomach got upset. I don't think we'll need that today. I have some small coins with me to use as markers: nickels and dimes.

Sandy never worries about anything until he's out on the course. My aim is to have everything he could ask me for.

In the old days, I'd worry about the results we were going to get and how much money I would make, but not now. It's like Fuzzy Zoeller says: "Why should Sandy worry? He's won $400,000 this year and he's on a high. Just play."

Whatever happens, Sandy has never looked fitter, happier, more content, and he has never played better. He does a lot of exercises. He has a rowing machine and a static bike at home. He watches what he eats and drinks. There are certain things on the course he won't drink because he gets too pumped up — Coca-Cola and Sprite, for instance.

Sandy's tee times for the week have been 2 o'clock first day, 2.25 second day, last off at 1.45 third day, and last off at 2.55 today. So we've had all morning each day to think about it and do nothing and think about it and do nothing again. It's totally alien to the times we have been playing at over here — seven o'clock, half-past seven, eight o'clock. Also every round has been very slow. It's been nothing to have three groups on that second tee.

The first thing I do each day is to get a starting sheet. I draw the direction of the wind on the first tee on it and from that I can work out where the wind is going to be blowing from for the rest of the round. As it happens, the wind changed today from what it had been all week. When we arrived, the first hole was downwind and the second hole was into the wind. But by the time we got to the second, the wind had dropped. Actually, it's not a wind so much as an air movement.

Sandy pitched up about quarter past one and said he'd be ready to play about two o'clock. He went inside to take his nasty pills. Hate, hate, hate. He seemed lot calmer today than he had been yesterday. He knew it would be over tonight one way or the other.

On the practice ground, he didn't look very good. He had a few low hooks. But by the time he left the practice ground, he was hitting the ball well.

Sandy hit a superb drive up the first hole and that was a great relief. He'd been under pressure for a long time, what with being in the lead and everyone wanting to talk about it all the time, the newspapers, the TV. To hit a huge drive over the hill and on the fairway gives you a terrific boost. The tension has gone. Off we go!

The driver is the club that wins the money. It builds up confidence. If you're putting the ball in play all the time from the tee, you're not under such pressure, but if you're saving your score on the green, you're making life very difficult for yourself. When you hit good drives, specially at Augusta, you're dominating the course.

In the first eight holes, Lyle had five pars, two birdies and a bogey. So he was seven under par for the tournament. By then, Crenshaw was three under. Just ahead of them, Stadler was five under and Calcavecchia three under.

The ninth, a dogleg left, was a tough hole because the pin was in a difficult position. You must hit a good drive. Sandy didn't. He hit one out of the neck. Its only saving grace was that it went down the right-hand side of the fairway, opening the green up a bit. So far this week the flag has been on the middle tier but today it's on the front tier. You don't want a downhill putt because it's easy to end up off the green.

I had gone forward on that hole and so I got to the ball first. When Sandy arrived, he asked: "How far is it?"

"173 yards," I replied.

"It's a seven iron, then." He hit it on to the top tier of the green and it rolled back to about two feet from the flag. It was a break for us that Sandy could play so quickly. Had the group in front been on the green, Sandy would have had time to think about the shot and it might not have worked out so well. He's one that wants to get on with it.

I think that was a turning point of the tournament. Crenshaw's second shot came up short and right and his chip went right up to the hole, had a good look and sort of wobbled back a quarter of an inch. He remained on minus three; Sandy moved to minus eight.

Sandy had a straightforward four on the tenth, a drive and a six iron. He hit a good drive down No 11, but it landed and stopped by its pitch mark on the right of the fairway. He had exactly the same distance to the flag as he'd had on the tenth — 180 yards — but more downhill. You don't want to go left and risk ending in the water, so he hit the ball out to the right and, with a little mud on it, it drifted further right. It ended up on the fringe of the green. I couldn't clean it. The mud was still on the ball. That green was totally different to what it had been on the Saturday, when it was very slick and hard and shiny and had turned purple. Now it was back to a reasonable speed.

Sandy was interested in watching what Langer and Calcavecchia were doing on the 12th, the key hole on the back nine. He hadn't got his mind 100 per cent on the 11th. He left the putt short and missed the next one.

When you're playing in the Masters, you're also watching it as well. You're very aware of what the other golfers are doing all the time. In most other tournaments, you only see the numbers on the board but in the Masters you're watching it as you're playing in it.

On the 12th tee, Crenshaw hit a seven iron into the back bunker. Sandy had already had the eight iron in his hand. If he hits a solid eight iron, he could go straight at the pin but he was worried that he might turn it a little and send it into the bunker at the back, as Crenshaw has just done. Normally when the pin is on the right, you don't go for it. You play for the middle of the green. Today there was no wind at all. It was a perfect length for an eight iron — 160 yards.

He came off his tee shot a bit, hit it thin. It sounded a little bony to me and I didn't like its left-to-right shape, so I was urging it on. "Go on, get over the water." I shouted at it. The ball landed a few feet short of the putting surface and rolled slowly back into the water.

As we were walking forward from the tee, Sandy started cursing himself for not thinking properly. My only thought was: "I hope we make five". I had no thoughts of a four because I know how difficult the next shot is.

I was trying to measure from the tee to wherever he was going to drop but at the same time I'm trying to calm him down. I'm doing two jobs at once. I had to keep stopping, remember the number I'd reached and say to him: "Let's just play the shot," and then start counting again.

It's times like this when you've got to keep calm. This is when I earn my money. Sandy's got to play again. Where from, and how far is it? I've got to keep a cool head, otherwise we'll make another mistake. I told him: "Don't worry about what's happened. That's done, ancient history. Just make sure you make a five."

The rules officials told Sandy the line he could drop his ball on. Many American players simply tell their caddies: "Give me 100 yards." But in this case I didn't know what length Sandy wanted and I couldn't ask him because I was busy counting and calming him down. He went back 60 yards from the flag and then he moved five yards nearer. I thought he would be better off going further back, making it a shot of 100 yards to help him stop the ball easier.

The hardest shot in the world is the third shot to that green. But no, he played it from there. The ball landed between the front edge of the green and the pin and rolled just off the back. It was a brilliant shot. A few feet less and it would have been down in the water again. Two putts for a five. It's a terrible green, like baked clay.

We got on to the 13th tee. What most people don't know is how far away this tee is from the spectators. It's miles. At any other course after you've made a double bogey, you can hear the buzz in the crowd, people saying one to another: "He's just double bogeyed" or "He's just dropped two shots" or "He's lost his lead". But when you stand on the 13th it's like being on the stage of an empty theatre. You can't hear anything down there. You could be playing in a private two-ball. It's a great chance to regroup.

It was getting cooler by then, too. It must have been about five o'clock. The crowd were like a backdrop somebody has painted. That gave him the best chance in the world to collect his thoughts as we had to watch Calcavecchia hammering out of the trees on the right.

As we stood waiting on the tee, Sandy was still muttering at himself. "What have I done? I've chucked it all away," he kept saying.

"Look, we've got six holes left," I said. "And you're still playing well. There's time. Get on with it."

We considered which club Sandy should use from the tee. "A driver up the right of the fairway will go too far. You'll end up in the trees," I said. "That's where Calcavecchia has gone. Langer drew his ball round the corner."

Sandy had already got his shot worked out in his own mind. He took his driver and hit a huge shot across the corner. It was brave, even though it was always on for him with a slight wind assistance.

It left him with a second shot of 170 yards, a seven iron. He pulled it a little bit because he was conscious of the creek on the right and ended up in the bunker. I thought to myself: "That's all right. If it's in a good lie, it's a straightforward shot. Land it on the top tier of the green and let it run down to the bottom."

But he didn't have a very good lie. There was a great lump of sand behind the ball. "I've got a lot to do to stop this on the green," he said as he lined up the shot. He did it though, and got a five. That's like half a shot dropped. And by not birdieing it Sandy had lost the lead for the first time since the ninth hole on the second day.

The 14th is one of Augusta's lesser-known holes. It's a slight dogleg left and the adverse camber of the fairway throws the ball to the right. Sandy always hits a one iron because he can shape his shot better with this club.

If you overdo it and hit the left-hand trees, you're dead. He hit his one iron up the middle to run to the right hand side of the fairway. From there, you're perfectly positioned with the pin back left of the green. He had 170 yards again and hit a great seven iron that ran ten feet past the flag. He hit a real pure putt but it just stayed on the lip.

Sandy hit a good tee shot on the 15th and was left with 197 yards to the front of the green. We had a pretty good idea what club to take because in a practice round he'd hit a five iron which stayed on the green.

While we were waiting to play, I made casual conversation. "What a great view this is, Sandy." Standing in the middle of the fairway — not on one side or the other — you've got an uninterrupted view of the slope, the water, the green, the water behind, the spectators all around and the trees beind them. It's a fantastic view.

Then I thought it was time to talk seriously. I said: "You've lost the lead and you're chasing now. A weight's been taken off your shoulders. Put that to your advantage. Let somebody else do the work for a change and we'll chase them."

We watched Calcavecchia chipping from the back of the green and we both knew he was struggling to make five, though he did get his par. We both noticed that the bounce had gone from his walk as he was conscious of leading the tournament.

While we were waiting in the middle of the 15th fairway, Sandy looked at the 17th green. "Where that pin is I've got a real good chance of making a birdie there," he said.

"Let's just play one hole at a time," I said. "Concentrate on this hole. We haven't reached the 16th yet, never mind the 17th. We'll get there eventually."

Sandy was talking very aggressively. "Shall we get an eagle here?" he asked. "Go on and do it," I replied.

He hit a five iron. He didn't want to hit it too hard nor did he want to do what Seve did in 1986 and get too cute with it and dump it into the water. He turned it a little and with the green sloping right to left and his ball drawing, it landed on the green and went three or four yards over the back. His chip shot hit the hole and he under-read the putt. That's a shot gone.

The 16th was playing short. We had seen as much from watching Calcavecchia, who made another good putt for par. I could feel the movements of the air in the direction of the green. Sandy hit a good seven iron to 15 feet above the hole. Now he's got a dicey putt down the slope. When you're putting downhill, there's more borrow than there is when you're putting uphill. I read the putt to have a one-foot break. As the putt went in, it was accelerating. It wasn't exactly a slam-dunk but it was going quick. That chuffed him no end. He punched the air at least four times.

Now he was all pumped up and he drew his tee shot on the 17th. It hit a spectator. It wasn't too far off the fairway. It was just up the left side which is OK when the flag is back right. He fancied his chances of a birdie there because he knew he'd be hitting a wedge or a nine iron into the green. He'd hit good drives there all week but this time I think he was trying a little too hard. He had 122 yards to the flag on a 400-yard hole so he'd not hit his best drive.

"That's just right for the pitching wedge," he said when I told him the yardage to the flag. He hit his shot slightly heavy and the ball didn't carry all the way to the green. It screwed back down just off the front of the green. Two putts.

I thought about giving him a three iron on the 18th tee but if he had hit a three iron that would have given him a longer club to play into the green and therefore less chance of getting the ball close enough to get a birdie.

He suspected he needed a birdie to win, although he wasn't sure. He could have hit a driver and cleared the bunkers but then he'd have had a difficult place to approach the green from. You're at a bad angle to the flag if you do that. You're coming in across the green and there's not much landing area.

He used a one iron instead and it started off perfect but drifted a fraction left and ran into the bunker. Having hit it, he started hopping from one foot to the other in annoyance. He knew it was heading for the bunker. As we walked up the hill, he said: "If it's in that first bunker, I've had it. I can't get on the green. I should have hit a driver."

The first thing he did when he got to his ball was ask someone how Calcavecchia stood. I said there had been no cheers so we must assume he's got a four, and the TV man on the fairway confirmed this.

I noticed the ball lay clean in the bunker but I thought it was too close for comfort to the front lip. Sandy had 142 yards to the front. The pin was eight yards so that made it 150. Obviously the eight iron for distance but coming out of sand from an uphill lie and going uphill meant one extra club. So he played his seven iron.

As soon as he'd hit the bunker shot, he came charging out really quickly, jumping in excitement *à la* Seve. This is not the old phlegmatic Lyle. Then the visor was thrown down. "Your man's throwing tantrums," someone joked to me. "I wouldn't like to work for him. He's dangerous."

My prime concern was for the ball to miss the lip. When I saw that it had, I wanted to rake the bunker as quickly as possible. The crowd started to cheer after the ball had landed, so I knew it was rolling back towards the hole. He'd gone. He wanted to get there and see where the ball was. I chased after him up the slope as fast as I could. The caddie's job is to be organized and to keep up with his player. It's hard work going up that slope. You never realize how steep the 18th is until you're going up to it.

Crenshaw had played his tee shot left, come up left of the green on his second shot and pitched inside Sandy.

"Would it be better for you to putt out?" Sandy asked Crenshaw. "Whatever you like, Sandy," Crenshaw replied. "What's the line, Carl?" he asked his caddie. "I like the left lip," Carl replied, and Crenshaw holed it.

I can remember very clearly what I was thinking at the time. I had started to get backache on the last three holes and I didn't want to go down that bloody tenth hole in a bloody play-off, not for anyone. I'd had enough.

We both walked round Sandy's putt and he said it looked straight. What struck me was that the grass was pretty green round there and if there was going to be any grain it would influence the putts left-to-right. I then moved to the left of the green halfway between him and the hole. Apparently the line is right-to-left normally but it was held up by the grain so it ended up a straight putt. As I stood there watching, I thought it was going to miss on the right but it dropped in.

Sandy went running away waving his arms in the air and I picked the ball out of the hole. He didn't need telling he'd won.

Final scores:
281: A Lyle (GB), 71, 67, 72, 71.
282: M Calcavecchia (US), 71, 69, 72, 70.
283: C Stadler (US), 76, 69, 70, 68.
284: B Crenshaw (US), 72, 73, 67, 72.
285: G Norman (Aus), 77, 73, 71, 64; D Pooley (US), 71, 72, 77, 70; F Couples (US), 75, 68, 71, 71.

Extracted from *Life with Lyle: His Caddie's Diary* by David Musgrove with John Hopkins (to be published by Heinemann Kingswood on April 3, £12.95).

ROWING

Gentle touch to harness power on the Tideway

By Mick Cleary

Light blue, dark blue: American, British: short and dark, slim and fair. The two women who will make history in the Boat Race today – it is the first time both coxes have been female – could not be *more different*.

Leigh Weiss, aged 22, who steers the Cambridge boat is a sociology graduate from Harvard. She is bubbly, tom-boyish and full of jaunty American brashness. In the rival boat sits Alison Norrish, aged 20, a first year engineering student from Kingston. She is coy, demure, and given to a distinctly English reticence.

And yet the two women are united by one overriding desire – the craving for victory. Not for nothing have they virtually starved themselves over the last two months to reduce their "dead weight" in the boat, not for nothing have they subjected themselves to the intense strain of living amidst eight sweat-soaked, pumped-up, increasingly twitchy sportsmen. Both women, to be sure, are desperate to win. They simply express that desire in different ways.

Weiss openly embraces the pressures. "I tend to thrive on the responsibility of being a coxswain. *It's a great challenge* and I love it," she says. "As for being a woman in a traditionally male preserve, an American woman at that, *I consider it a* great honour. I am enjoying all the attention."

Norrish is much lower key. "I am taking a big break after the Boat Race for the build-up has been incredibly demanding," she says. "I'm a fairly irresponsible person by nature and I don't really relish all the hype surrounding the event. That said, *I do of course get an* enormous buzz out of the race itself, and if you win it is quite an incredible feeling."

Their rowing backgrounds are also entirely different. Weiss, a keen hockey and lacrosse player, had never rowed before she went to Harvard. The university was short of a cox, a friend approached her and, as she says, "I become the designated short person". At Cambridge it was a similar tale. She met the stroke, Guy Pooley, at a dinner, he mentioned that the Light Blues *were looking for a cox*, he invited her down and that was that.

In contrast, Norrish has coxed since she was 11 years old, loves the sport, steered the women's four to the Olympic final in Seoul and was a natural choice for the Oxford boat.

The art of coxswain is a rather esoteric one. After all, is it not the might and muscle of the oarsmen which win the race? "Of course it is," they both say, "but the cox is the one that gets the best out of that might and muscle."

Two factors are critical. The first is steering. "The less you have to use the rudder the better," Norrish says. "As well as guiding a boat a rudder will also slow it down." Finding the best way through the capricious waters of the Tideway is no easy matter, however, and that is when the second factor comes into play.

"Confidence," Weiss says. "You must have the confidence *to take the route you think is the* best. Also, an inspired cox can turn the race around by calling for an unexpected spurt. If you manage at any time to get clear water you've won it."

Weiss and Norrish will be sitting in eminent positions this afternoon. Previous coxes have gone on to celebrated things. Tony Armstrong-Jones, the Cambridge cox in 1950, became Lord Snowdon and a dapper photographer. Jim Rogers, who coxed Dan Topolski's boat in *1966, is now one of the richest* men in America.

Colin Moynihan became the Minister for Sport. Given their present austere lifestyles the ambitions of these two women are understandably more mundane. "A huge American pizza," Weiss says. "Egg and chips," Norrish replies.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Record breakers: Weiss and Norrish ready to make history

Chance to watch the Whitbread in style

***The Times* today presents a very special Easter competition, offering the chance to win a luxury visit to London for Whitbread Gold Cup day, a *programme of National Hunt* and Flat racing, at Sandown Park on Saturday, April 29. The Whitbread Gold Cup itself is the last great showpiece of the National Hunt season, and**

Desert Orchid, the winner last year, is among the entries for this steeplechase over three miles and five furlongs.

In conjunction with Whitbread, we are offering two prizes, each for a winner and a companion:

First-class rail travel from home to London; then by limousine to Sandown Park in time for champagne lunch and the afternoon's racing, highlighted by the Whitbread Gold Cup. After racing, return by limousine to the Grosvenor House Hotel *before dinner nearby at 90 Park* Lane, one of the finest restaurants in London. Overnight accommodation and breakfast is at the Grosvenor House. On Sunday morning, there is the option of a drive around London before journeying home by rail.

To enter the competition, study the five questions below, then write your answers on the entry form, complete it with your name and address, and send it to: Whitbread Gold Cup competition, Sports Department, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive by Monday, April 3. The winners will be the senders of the first two correct entries opened from all those received by the closing date.

THE QUESTIONS

1. Who are the two trainers of Whitbread Gold Cup winners who have also ridden winners in the race?

2. Who was the most recent Derby winner to win at Sandown Park on Whitbread Gold Cup day?

3. Which trainer has won the Whitbread Gold Cup a record seven times?

4. In which year did Arkle achieve a double of the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Whitbread Gold Cup?

5. Name the jockey of the Queen Mother's Whitbread Gold Cup winner?

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Michael Seely tracks down Newmarket's latest arrival, John Gosden

The sheikh's secret weapon

Widely heralded as the latest secret weapon in Sheikh Mohammed's *armoury*, *John Gosden* presents a modest and unassuming low profile.

"I have mainly got some big, rangy and backward two-year-olds," said the latest *addition to Britain's* already overcrowded ranks of trainers.

"We're talking about a programme of three, four, five or even six years. The amount of winners isn't going to be the *factor at this stage. It is going* to be whether the whole operation is moving in the right direction."

The purchase of Stanley House Stables, Newmarket, by Sheikh Mohammed and the head-hunting of the 37-year-old Gosden, one of the leading trainers in California, to run the operation, is symptomatic of the determination and staying power being shown *by the Maktoum fam*ily of Dubai as they seek to consolidate their already pre-eminent position in British racing.

A sense of history pervades the long, tree-lined drive, which leads from Bury Road in Newmarket to Stanley House and the adjoining stable yard. Built by the 16th Earl of Derby in 1903, these stables have housed the winners of 21 *classics*.

Hundreds of horse-shoes decorate an archway. The collection includes those of Hyperion, Fairway and Swynford, all eventually stallions who have had a decisive influence on the evolution of the breed.

Inside Gosden's makeshift office, the new world bustle contrasted sharply with the old-fashioned scene outside. "We *have hardly got any*where to sit, to live or to work yet," said the trainer. "We are shortly moving into a proper office on the other side of the yard."

Sharing the two small rooms were a couple of secretaries, a mountain of paperwork and the trainer's wife, Rachel, who is a qualified barrister in this country.

"In Los Angeles she was managing a real estate and banking firm," Gosden explained. "At present she is helping set things up here until we get sorted out."

It is not only the racing that Gosden finds different in Britain. "Setting up a business seems very complicated over here. There is so much red-tape. In America everyone is out to help you move forward. There is still a frontier atmosphere."

The announcement, made in March last year, that Gosden was to move to Britain, caused something of a stir. The competition for *training supremacy in our* overcrowded little island is already intense.

Gosden acknowledges this. "There are too many horses chasing too little money. That makes it hard to win the good races. And even though I knew it before I came here, I'm now looking at entries and am shocked at the low level of prize-money. Ninety per cent of owners must be losing out."

The 70-strong cohorts of trainers like Cecil, Stoute and Cumani that thunder up War*ren Hill must be a daily* reminder to Gosden of the competition he now has to face. However, in California Gosden more than held his own against such giants of the American scene as D Wayne Lukas and Charlie "Bald Eagle" Whittingham.

"I've been winning three to four million dollars every year. The prize-money is so much better. Even maiden races are worth *$30,000. My* best total was $4.7 million in 1986."

The Sussex-born trainer's expertise has already seen him sought out by leading British owners. For Robert Sangster, he won the 1984 Breeders' Cup Mile with Royal Heroine, who was voted Champion Turf Mare.

Alphabatim and Zoffany, both formerly with Guy Harwood, also adapted well to Californian conditions. Alphabatim won the Hollywood Turf Cup twice and Zoffany collected over $1 *million in stakes*.

The luring of the ex-patriot home was a lengthy process. "It was discussed generally for some time, all quite informally. It was a challenge to come home. This is the country I was born and brought up in. To be quite honest, the hardest thing was going to America in the first place."

The son of the legendary "Towser" Gosden of Lewes, a trainer noted for his hard-hitting and successful attacks on the bookmakers, John's *first racing memories* were of his father's five-year-old Aggressor, beating Petite Étoile in the 1960 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. "I was only nine. But I remember riding a finish on an armchair with Jimmy Lindley."

School and university education completed, Gosden went to Venezuela to work in land development. "I went *racing a lot. They used to start* training at 2am because of the heat exhaustion factor."

In 1974 he returned to England and became assistant trainer to Sir Noel Murless until the great trainer's retirement in 1976. Then came a year with Vincent O'Brian at Ballydoyle, the fabulous 1977 campaign of such stars as The Minstrel, Alleged, Artaius, Be My Guest, Godswalk and Try My Best. He went to California the next year and started training in 1979.

Anthony Stroud, the Sheikh's racing manager, considers that Gosden's trans*atlantic experience will be an* invaluable asset for the team's long-term strategy. "We certainly intend running more horses in the States as there is so much prize-money to be won," he says.

The dramatic drop in stallion values and in the bloodstock industry since the peak of 1984 have created a new sense of urgency on this front. "It is becoming an even bigger factor to race horses for prize-money," said Gosden. "It is getting back to basics, to what *a horse can earn to pay for* itself."

North American raids from European bases are yearly becoming more commonplace. "It is certainly possible *to set up a limited campaign.* Acclimatization isn't as important as people think. It is not changing hemispheres. It's the shipping that's all important."

The historic Newmarket gallops certainly present a striking contrast to the shanty-town atmosphere of the Los Angeles *training centres.* "*It is all on* track. You've got 2,000 horses using the same facilities in a metropolitan area. But you get used to working under those conditions. Everyone is playing off the same handicap."

The Gosdens' lifestyle is certainly going to be different. "It was very pleasant. It was a marvellous climate and we had a swimming pool. We were 20 minutes from Santa Anita and 25 from Hollywood Park. But it was marvellously anonymous.

"When you got in your car and left the track, you were just another commuter. But in Newmarket, if I go into Boot's, three or four people follow me to see what I'm buying."

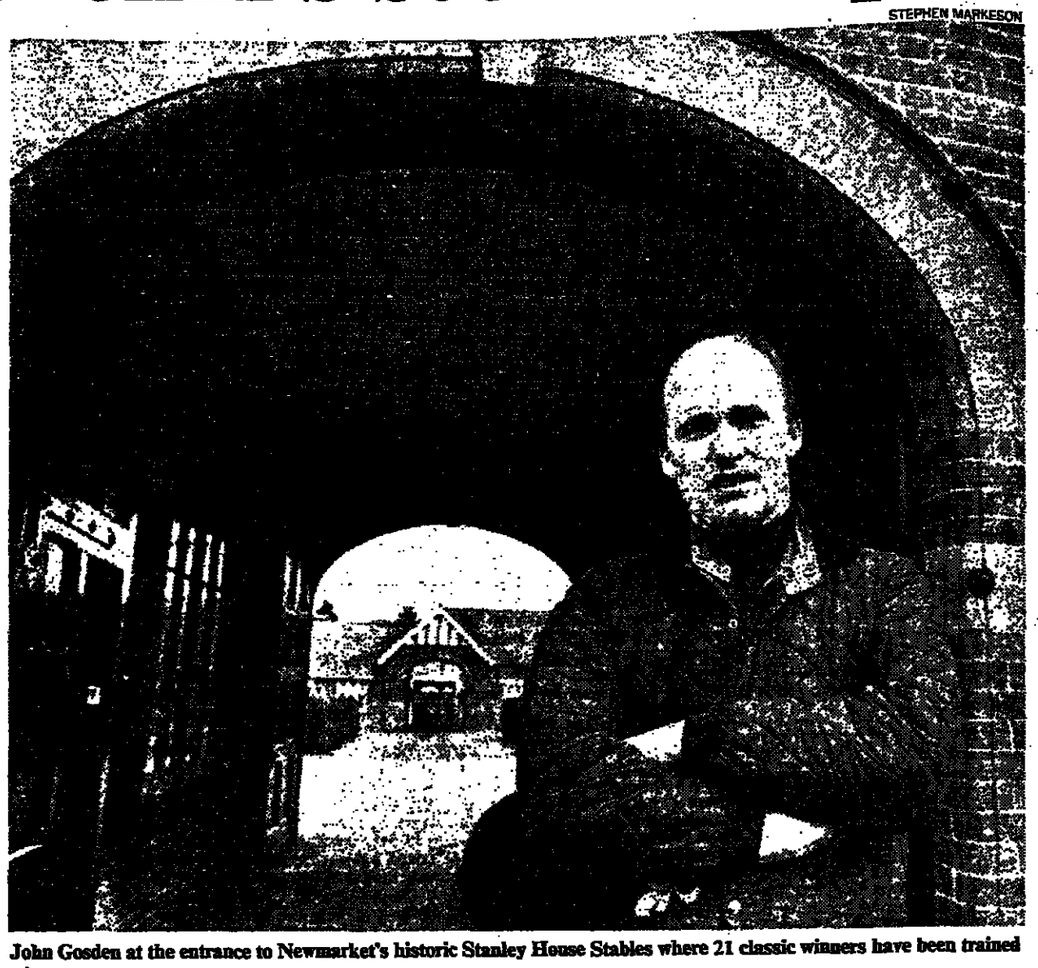
Earlier, on a stable tour, we had been accompanied by Edward Hide, formerly a crack jockey and now Gosden's assistant. "Edward's *going to be a great help with* placing horses, with his knowledge of the different tracks and the racing programme. It's an area I quite frankly regard myself as being weak in."

Part of the stable area is dominated by Stanley House, Lord Derby's Newmarket home. "At present we are living in the town with our young children, Sebastian and Serena, but in due course, though heaven knows when, we plan to move into Fairway, where Gavin Pritchard-Gordon used to live."

The determined low-key image, adopted by the new arrival on a jealous as well as highly competitive scene, persisted on the round of horses. But it was noteworthy that the "big, backward two-year-olds" included a colt by Northern Dancer out of Glorious Song and another by El Gran Señor.

The trainer's empathy with his horses quickly became obvious. Discussing In Council, a two-year-old colt by *Blakeney out of Regal Lady*, he said: "Belongs to Mr Abdulla. Not very prepossessing to look at, but quite a little character and goes well. Unfortunately, some of the best-looking ones catch your eye in their boxes but disappoint on the Heath."

STEPHEN MARKESON



John Gosden at the entrance to Newmarket's historic Stanley House Stables where 21 classic winners have been trained

CRICKET

Stewart's plan hits problems

The England team manager, Micky Stewart, hopes to organize a pre-season gathering of Test candidates as part of the build-up to this summer's series against Australia.

"I would like to involve as many as possible of the 16 *players who would have gone to* India last winter, plus a few others," Stewart said. "But it all depends on who is available and what facilities we can find."

Stewart's plans for a full scale England training session have been hit by a growing trend among the counties to arrange pre-season tours.

At least six of the 17 first-class clubs will be spending time abroad before the start of the season on April 15, when MCC play the champion county at Lord's. Worcestershire, who are to play in Hong Kong, Australia and Singapore, will arrive home less than 48 hours before the match.

Stewart yesterday scotched suggestions that a 25-strong squad for the defence of the *Ashes will be named within the* next few days. "That is not the case," he said.

The manager, like the new chairman of selectors, Ted Dexter, is keen to operate a squad system but they and fellow committee members, Ossie Wheatley and Alan Smith, are not due to meet again until next Friday. Their most pressing task is to name a captain.

CYCLING

Pritchard masters the storm

By Peter Bryan

A spring tide, which severely flooded parts of the coast road, delayed the first event of the Guernsey four-day holiday cycling festival yesterday.

Riders also took a battering *from the strong south-westerly* winds in the 25-mile time trial but the national champion, John Pritchard, appeared unaffected by the stormy conditions.

He won in 58min 38sec indicating that he will still be a force to be reckoned with when he defends his British 25-mile title in June, at the age of 41.

Pritchard, nearing the end of his service as a physical training instructor with the RAF, was almost a minute clear of Ray Hughes and the international roadman, Ian Brown.

Britain's best all-rounder champion, Ian Cammish, who is recovering from an attack of salmonella poisoning, abandoned his effort before the half-distance.

Adrian Hawkins won the White Hope sprint at the season's opening track meeting at Herne Hill in a manner that suggested that he must be on the short list for England's Commonwealth Games team.

His tactics in the final were to attack early and he survived a troublesome cross wind in the back straight to beat Neil Potter and David Cross.

SWIMMING

Hill proves she is well on the way to recovery

By Steven Downes

It has been a long hard struggle for Jean Hill, the Commonwealth Games double silver medal winner from Cumbernauld, who suffered a ubiquitous "mystery virus" in *the middle of her preparations* for last year's Olympic Games. Yesterday, though, at the second Edinburgh International meet, she showed she is well on the way to a full recovery of her old medal winning form.

At 23 years of age, some who saw her in tears when she was dragged exhausted from her home pool last November, when she attempted to race while still suffering from the virus, may have wondered if her career was over. It is not: Hill's impressive heat time of 1min 13.58sec in the 100 metres breaststroke was more than three seconds quicker than all her rivals and, most importantly, was inside the qualifying time which the Scottish ASA has set the swimmers for guaranteed selection for next year's Commonwealth Games.

It seems likely that Hill will also swim the 200 metres medley in New Zealand, as her form in the heats in that event was also impressive. Her 2hr 21min 82sec was only marginally outside the qualifying time.

Caroline Foot, of the Millfield School Team, is another Commonwealth Games medal winner who was in good form yesterday as the fastest qualifier for the 100 metres butterfly. More importantly for the British team which is to compete in the Spring Trophy in Sweden next weekend, Anna Baker, aged 18, from Norwich, was also looking good. Her 65.65sec heat swim was a timely one in the light of the withdrawal from the British team for Sweden of Madeline Scarborough.

Cool Ground to fly the flag

Cool Ground is to be flown to Ireland on Monday morning for the Jameson-sponsored Grand National at Fairyhouse the same day.

Richard Mitchell had been reluctant to send his Kim Muir Chase winner by sea but had also feared the £5,000 flight may have been too expensive.

However, Mitchell and owner Peter Bolton decided in favour of the ambitious plan. "They felt they had to go," said the trainer's wife, Elsie, yesterday. "They might never get such an opportunity again."

"The heavier the going the better," she added. "Cool Ground is a thorough stayer."

Major Stewart can march to final

Point-to-point
by Brian Beel

Major Stewart, brought down at Chaddesley Corbett last Saturday, has another chance today in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the North Staffordshire to confirm the good impression he made at Weston Park three weeks ago.

If all the main contenders go to the post at Sandon this afternoon, this race will be one of the best seen so far in the series.

Major Stewart sprinted clear under Steven Brookshaw to win the 18-runner novice race at the West Shropshire by a distance in a time only two seconds slower than the fastest of three open races run on that day. This form has been further enhanced by the second horse, Mr Bright Eyes, being the comfortable winner of the Cheshire Forest restricted on his next outing.

Any horse that finishes 15 lengths in front of Daltmore must be respected and Parkside Lad did that when running on strongly only a length behind the Audi winner, Singing Seal, at Tatton Park. The time of the race was 12 secs faster than the open.

Simon Crank, who rode Parkside Lad that day, had *previously partnered* Fibreguard Tech to win the members race by a distance and this one is also among the entries.

The issue is further complicated by the Flint and Denbigh maiden winner, The Dark Watch, who started favourite and never had his supporters in any doubt over the outcome. In most restricted races he would be a short price to follow up, but in today's company looks to have a difficult task, and I anticipate that Major Stewart will be the one for the assured place for Towcester.

In the RMC qualifier at the VWH, recent Badbury Rings winner, Tom Tailor, could meet Gold Tycoon, who has been successful in his last three outings. I was impressed by the ex-Roddy Armytage trained chaser that day and the colours of Gold Tycoon could be lowered at Siddington.

The main Land Rover event this afternoon is at the Middleton for the coveted Lord Grimthorp Cup. This should provide a relatively easy return to the winner's enclosure for Mademist Susie, who has not been seen since mid-February.

Terville has an opportunity of atoning for unseating his rider when joint favourite in the Golden Valley ladies in the Audi adjacent at the Llangibby. However, Solid Oak looks to have just the better credentials after his recent successes under John Llewellyn and Philip Mathias.

● The Weston & Banwell meeting at Nedge has been abandoned because of a waterlogged course.

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

Today's meetings

Ashford Valley, Charing, 6m NE of Ashford (first race 2.0); Garth & S. Berks, Twyssleden, 3m W of Aldershot (2.0); Lamerton, Kilworthy, 2m NE of Tavistock (1.15); Llangibby, Howick, 2m W of Chepstow (1.15); Middleton, Whitwell on the Hill, 8m SW of Malton (2.0); North Staffordshire, Sandon, 4m SE of Stone (2.0); Percy, Ratchaugh Farm, 3m E of Alnwick (1.45); Ross Harriers, Garmons 7m W of Hereford (1.30); Vale of Aylesbury, Kimble, 4m S of Aylesbury (1.30); Vale of Lune, Whittington, 2m S of Kirby Lonsdale (1.30); VWH, Stockington, 2m S of Cirencester (1.30); Waverley Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (1.30); Wilton, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (1.30); Woodland Pytchley, Dingley, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15).

Battle royal predicted by Mercer

By Christopher Goalding

The new Flat jockeys' championship again appears to be dominated by those old adversaries, Steve Cauthen and Pat Eddery. Both riders have fiercely duelled for the coveted crown over the last five seasons.

Cauthen has been *the victor* on three occasions. However, well before Cauthen arrived from the United States, Eddery had clinched the title on four consecutive occasions.

Joe Mercer, who now manages the racing interests of *Maktoum Al-Maktoum*, was the leading rider in 1979, and cannot visualize Cauthen or Eddery losing their grip on the championship.

"I think they will both continue to dominate the championship for many *more years to* come," said Mercer yesterday, on his return from riding work for Peter Walwyn.

"They are both brilliant jockeys. Steve is backed up by Henry Cecil, who has dominated the trainers' championship on eight occasions. He is an outstanding rider with a very likeable personality.

"Pat has a slight advantage over Steve being a couple of pounds lighter. And, of course, there is still Willie (Carson), who is always battling away there."

Mercer added: "Ray Cochrane went well last year with 120 winners, finishing in fourth place. I can see him doing well again as he rides for Luca Cumani, who has a wonderful team of horses in his stable this year."

Cauthen, ruled out of the title finish last season, following that terrible fall at Goodwood in August, finished the season in fifth place.

Mercer finds it impossible to predict the outcome of this year's title, which concludes at Doncaster on November 11.

"They are both such level-headed riders and both manage to keep out of the wrath of the stewards," Mercer said. "I really don't know what the outcome will be."

However, bookmakers have no doubts. Eddery is a firm favourite at 9-4 on with Cauthen a 5-2 chance.

Rural retreat attracts ambitious plans

A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses
No 30: SOUTHWELL

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

The smaller racecourses of Great Britain can be devilishly difficult to find. The quest for Southwell is all the harder because *the course is not in* Southwell at all, but in the neighbouring Nottinghamshire village of Rolleston.

A convoluted local history would appear to hold the key to this Midlands puzzle. Racing of a sort took place in Southwell for centuries, instigated by the church. According to the secretary of Southwell racecourse, Lawrence Aslin, the patronage of the church was prompted by the wish to offer a diversion for farmers on rent day.

There is another version which says that racing was laid on by the parish to provide light relief to pilgrims over the Pentecostal observance. Whatever the history, the sport took on a more organized aspect in 1867 with *the setting up of Southwell* Racecourse Company.

The venue later moved to Hazelford Ferry and from there, in 1898, to its present location.

Most of the timber-framed buildings which greet today's modest crowds date from the turn of the century. Southwell is a good example of a racecourse doubling as a museum.

If this appeals to you, you should not delay, because the developers are moving in. Entrepreneur Ron Maddle and his son, Richard, having sold Lingfield for £7 million and having failed to secure all-weather racing at Nottingham, have paid £1 million for the site.

The Maddles have ambitious plans for the track. Besides all-weather racing, they are proposing new stands and private boxes. They revitalized Lingfield and hope to do the same for Southwell.

November 1 is the scheduled finishing date for the all-weather track but *the full programme of* improvements is likely to take at least four years.

The basic shape of the course is to change from triangular to oval with the all-weather track being built around the new 1¼-mile grass circuit.

Rowanglen, Maddle senior's company which bought the course last month, is currently negotiating the acquisition of another 50 acres of land for the new layout.

The redesign of the track will mean repositioning the photo-finish equipment and resiting the parade ring behind the grandstand.

An estimated £2 million will be spent on the first stage of the *two-storey grandstand* which will house an inside betting hall (like that at Doncaster). Tote facilities, restaurants and bars designed for about 1,000 people.

Last National Hunt season the course was allocated 21 days' racing but the Maddles are hoping to treble that figure if their all-weather ambitions are realized and Flat fixtures granted.

That target of 63 meetings seems optimistic in the extreme but more may be known next month when the Jockey Club and Levy Board meet to discuss Southwell's plans. Representatives of both bodies have already visited the course.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: The course is four miles north of Newark, off the A617 Mansfield road. It is better to follow local signposts than to map-read your own way.

RAIL TRAVEL: Rolleston, on the Nottingham-Newark line, is next to the course. Travellers from London can go via Nottingham or Newark.

ADMISSION: Members £8. Tattersalls £6. Silver Ring £3. Racecard free. Annual membership £60.

PARKING: Free.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: None.

HOSPITALITY: Set lunches from £6.50 and upwards. Hot snacks in bars.

INQUIRIES: L G Aslin, 6 Castle Gate, Newark, Notts NG24 1AX. Tel: (0636) 705824.

BIG-RACE DATES: None.

Rating

One jockey's cap denotes Awful: two, Bearable; three, Average; four, Very good; five, Excellent.

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Eddery to celebrate start of new season with Kempton treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Champion jockey Pat Eddery can begin the defence of his title in fine style by landing a treble at Kempton today, the first day of the new Flat season, on **Alsabiha** (4.5), **Always Valiant** (4.40) and **Cronk's Courage** (5.10).

After all the recent rain, the going on the Sunbury track is bound to be testing, but that *will not* worry Always Valiant, who is my selection to win the Bonusprint Easter Stakes, the day's most valuable race.

For it was just as soft underfoot at Newbury last October when the Neville Callaghan-trained colt was beaten only a short head in the group three Horris Hill Stakes.

Before that Always Valiant had again been runner-up to the unbeaten Irish colt Classic Fame in the National Stakes at the Curragh after winning at Newbury and Newmarket.

Significantly, in view of today's contest, there had again been *some cut* in the ground at Newmarket when he won the July Stakes, which also boasts group status.

Like Always Valiant, Sharp Justice has also shown his best form on soft ground as indeed one might expect of a son of Sharpo.

But being by that champion sprinter he seems less likely to see the trip out than a son of Valiyar, whose victories on the course included the Queen Anne Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot.

Lunar Mover and Wassling, on the other hand, were both bred to get a mile comfortably, being by Sharpen Up and Wassl respectively.

On form, though, they still have a bit to find in order to beat one of the calibre of Always Valiant, who is taken to live up to his name in today's tough conditions.

As as the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes is concerned, it is hard to get away from the fact that Alsabiha ought to be the winner on all known form, more especially as she was successful first time out last spring even though her trainer Peter Walwyn concedes that she is still not fully wound up.

On a day when Alentado has made what may well turn out to be a significant journey *from Jack Berry's Lancashire* stable to begin his racing career by contesting the EBF Redfern Maiden Stakes, Harreek is napped to get followers of Paul Cole's stable off to a good start by winning the Queen's Prize.

Cole is hopeful that Harreek can reproduce last spring's form when he won at Beverley in between being placed in better races at Kempton and York. He also showed that he can go on this ground and that he gets this trip.

A displaced back is now attributed to those subsequent bad runs at Warwick and Ayr, but that problem appears to be remedied, judged on recent homework.

While I nominated the course and distance winner Milton Burn as the main danger following a spell of hurdling during which he won twice, Cole said that he is more afraid of Sweet Enough, whose trainer Clive Brittain won this race 12 months ago.

However, she has precious little in hand of Double Dutch on the form book, judged on *how they ran against one another* at Lingfield last autumn.

In my judgement, the handicapper could well have dropped Harreek enough in view of his failures for him to be on the right mark now.

No matter how Sweet *Enough* fares, *her trainer* should soon get off the mark by winning the Dart Advertising Maiden Stakes at Newcastle with House Of Commons, who would appear to have sufficient in hand over the fit hurdler Smart Performer to break his duck.

Otherwise, it could well pay to follow George Duffield riding **Winking Winner** (3.15) and **Martin-Lavell Echo** (3.45) at Gosforth Park.

On the jumping front, I am acutely aware of the fact that our old ally Rowlandsons Trophy has a good chance of winning the Little Everdon Novices' Hurdle at Towcester.

Earlier in the programme, Richard Dunwoody can land a double on High Aloft (2.30) and Brother Geoffrey (3.30).

Three off, another in doubt

Three of today's eight meetings were abandoned yesterday and another hinges on an early morning inspection. *Two of the* 16 fixtures for Monday, the busiest racing day of the year, are already in doubt.

Haydock Park, due to stage the first race of the new Flat season, was called off early yesterday morning as parts of the course are waterlogged. The Bellway Homes Handicap at Newcastle *will* now get Flat proceedings under way.

The other abandonments today are the National Hunt meetings at Plumpton and Newton Abbot, where the courses are waterlogged. Both tracks are also due to race on Monday and inspections tomorrow morning have already been planned.

Today's meeting at Carlisle, who have yet to run a race this year after three abandonments, hangs on a 7.30am inspection.

Cauthen delay

The abandonment of today's Haydock Park meeting means Steve Cauthen will not make his eagerly-awaited return to race-riding until Monday at Kempton Park where he has four booked rides — Empire Joy (2.35), Homo Sapien (3.5), Ceciliano (3.40) and Runcible Cat (4.40).

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Alentado.
3.00 Seremo.
3.30 **HARREEK** (nap).
4.05 Alsabiha.
4.40 Always Valiant.
5.10 Cronk's Courage.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 —
3.00 Stage Player.
3.30 **SWEET ENOUGH** (nap).
4.05 Good Partners.
4.40 Always Valiant.
5.10 Silks Princess.

By Michael Seely
3.00 Seremo. 3.30 **MILTON BURN** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 **HARREEK**.

Going: soft **Draw 5f-6f, low numbers best**

2.30 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: £1,987: 5f) (11 runners)

101 (6) ABSONAL (R Hornall) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse —
102 (5) ALENTADO (Mrs A Shelton) J Berry 9-0 R Cochrane —
103 (9) ALTERED BEAST (C Singer) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn —
104 (3) IRISH EMERALD (C Bravery) C Bravery 9-0 W Wharton —
105 (11) LA GALERIE (J Bird) W Carter 9-0 A Mackay —
106 (8) NORTHERN FIELDS (Brian Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0 J Reid —
107 (10) PLAYFUL POET (P Bourke) K Brassey 9-0 N Adams —
108 (7) PLEASURE AHEAD (M Boxall) M Haynes 9-0 R Fox —
109 (4) ROYAL SUPREME (R Shroff) G Lewis 9-0 Pat Eddery —
110 (2) SINGING DETECTIVE (John Mills Office Equipment Ltd) M Brittain 9-0 A Munro (5) —
111 (1) TYBURN LAD (P Shorrock) R Stubbs 9-0 S Whitworth —

BETTING: 5-2 Royal Supreme, 3-1 Alentado, 9-2 Altered Beast, 5-1 Absonal, 8-1 Playful Poet, 10-1 Singing Detective, 14-1 La Galerie, Pleasure Ahead, 16-1 others.

1988: SHARP N' EARLY 9-0 B Rouse (3-1) R Hannon 10 ran

ALENTADO (born May 3, cost 9,800gns). By last year's leading first season sire Alzao; from a stable usually strong in early-season juveniles. ALTERED BEAST (Feb 18). By the successful sire Danzig and is reported well forward.
LA GALERIE (Feb 28, 22,000gns). By Glenstal out of a Formidable mare. PLAYFUL POET (Apr 9, Ir8,000gns). By first season sire The Noble Player; from a stable which generally has its juveniles well forward.
ROYAL SUPREME (Jan 18, 13,000gns). By the sprinter Another Realm. SINGING DETECTIVE (Mar 27, 10,000gns). By the sprinter Absalom and from a stable noted for striking form early.

3.0 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,782: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

201 (8) 526911- WOODSIDE MILL 186 (F) (M Power) R Hannon 9-7 B Rouse 91
202 (3) 31- STAGE PLAYER 150 (G) (I Matthews) I Matthews 9-4 W Newnes 87
203 (12) 16314- MERRY MARIGOLD 145 (S) (F Swain) R Stubbs 9-0 S Whitworth 86
204 (10) 256332- BURNING FEET 159 (M Young) R Williams 8-12 R Cochrane 89
205 (5) 085- TOWN PATROL 144 (Thoroughbred Racing Ltd) M Usher 8-12 A McGlone 85
206 (9) 183159- TANODA 151 (F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-11 A Munro (5) 88
207 (2) 443433- JOHNSTED 186 (R Khan) C Brittain 8-8 M Roberts 87
208 (11) 41-3234 BURSANA 13 (G) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-6 P Cook 90
209 (6) 0058- RED BREWSTER 149 (P Canty) G Lewis 8-1 Paul Eddery 91
210 (7) 01500- DIADEM DANCER 179 (G) (R Flower) J Long 7-10 W Carson 90
211 (4) 064550- FORMIDARE 165 (A Speyer) S Dow 7-9 T Williams ● 99
212 (1) 00011- SEREMO 158 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 7-7 A Proud 95

Long handicap: Seremo 7-6.

BETTING: 9-2 Seremo, 5-1 Woodside Mill, 8-1 Stage Player, 7-1 Merry Marigold, Bursana, 10-1 Johnsted, 12-1 Diadem Dancer, 14-1 Tanoda, Red Brewster, 20-1 Town Patrol.

1988: PREDESTINE 9-4 N Day (14-1) I Matthews 17 ran

FORM WOODSIDE MILL won his final two races last season at Bath (1m 5yd, firm) and Pontefract (1m, good to firm); on the latter occasion beat Momser 1½l.
MERRY MARIGOLD beat Headstrong ¾l on her penultimate start at Folkestone (7f, good to soft) with RED BREWSTER (11lb better off) 9½l 11th. MERRY MARIGOLD stumbled latest start when 4¾l 4th of 14 to Go Rabell Go at Leicester (7f, good). BURNING FEET put up his best effort on final outing when a short head 2nd to Nomhurst at Hamilton (1m 40yd, soft).
JOHNSTED improved towards the end of last season; best effort a 3l 3rd of 13 to French Pretender at Sandown (1m 1f, good to firm) on final start. BURSANA will be fit from racing at Cagnes; beat Auction Glory 3l in a Redcar auction event (1m, good) last season.
SEREMO ended last season with two selling wins at Haydock (1m 2f, soft) and Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm); on the latter occasion beat Miss Examiner a neck. Can make the most of the weight concessions.
Selection: SEREMO (nap).

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Hastings-Bass	5	26	19.2	Pat Eddery	36	158	22.8
P Cole	12	65	18.5	R Cochrane	16	80	20.0
P Walwyn	7	41	17.1	N Adams	9	61	14.8
N Callaghan	3	19	15.8	W Carson	22	156	14.1
R Williams	4	33	12.1	M Roberts	7	59	11.9
M Usher	6	51	11.8	T Quinn	10	85	11.8

3.30 QUEEN'S PRIZE (Handicap: £6,212: 2m) (11 runners) C4

301 (7) 8/05000- MUSHTAAG 68J (S) (F Lennon) I Wardle 5-10-0 — 94
302 (6) 080540- ORIENT LINE 189 (F,G) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 5-9-10 B Rouse 95
303 (1) 6/21200- HARREEK 190 (V,D,G) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-13 T Quinn ● 98
304 (3) 410226- WESTERN DANCER 80J (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 8-8-10 R Cochrane 92
305 (2) 120223- DOUBLE DUTCH 145 (G) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 5-8-10 W Newnes 93
306 (4) 534211- SWEET ENOUGH 145 (D,F,S) (R Richards) C Brittain 4-8-8 W Ryan 95
307 (5) 052456- FOLK DANCE 29J (V,CD,F,G) (British Thoroughbred) G Balding 7-8-6 J Williams 94
308 (10) 600060- OLYMPIC TIMES 7J (G,S) (Running Horse Ltd) R Akehurst 7-8-4 S Whitworth 88
309 (9) 040003- TAKE ISSUE 9J (G,S) (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 4-7-12 W Carson 93
310 (8) 6000-03 KHETA KING 13 (B,F,G,S) (Sir G Brunton) W Hastings-Bass 5-7-12 Dale Gibson (5) 96
311 (11) 002606- MILTON BURN 28J (CD,F,G,S) (A Richards) H O'Neill 8-7-7 S Dawson 97

Long handicap: Milton Burn 7-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Sweet Enough, 9-2 Hareek, 11-2 Double Dutch, 6-1 Milton Burn, Kheta King, 8-1 others.

1988: SUN STREET 6-8-3 M Roberts (11-2) C Brittain 12 ran

FORM ORIENT LINE put up best effort when 3½l 4th of 13 in a listed event at Taby, Sweden, (1m 4f) on penultimate start; previously good 8l 5th to Kneller in Ebor Handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm) with MUSHTAAG (1l better off) another 3l 7th and WESTERN DANCER well behind 20th.
WESTERN DANCER 8l 2nd to Cesarewitch winner Nomadic Way at Haydock (2m 3f, heavy). DOUBLE DUTCH fine 2nd to Nomadic Way in the Cesarewitch
SWEET ENOUGH beat Intuition 1l at Lingfield (2m 2f, good to soft) on final start with DOUBLE DUTCH (1lb worse off) ½l 3rd and KHETA KING (2lb better off) out of first 10, beaten over 13l.
Selection: SWEET ENOUGH

4.5 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £7,180: 1m) (3 runners) C4

401 (2) 12324- ALSABIHA 154 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 Pat Eddery ● 98
402 (1) 110420- GOOD PARTNERS 182 (BF,F,S) (C Garrad) M Ryan 8-9 R Cochrane 97
403 (3) WRAPPING (Sheikh Mohammed) P Cole 8-5 T Quinn —

BETTING: Evens Alsabiha, 6-4 Good Partners, 6-1 Wrapping.

1988: INCHMURRIN 3-8-13 Pat Eddery (5-1) G Wragg 8 ran

FORM ALSABIHA made a winning racecourse debut when beating Waki Rambow 1l at Newbury (6f, firm) and ran consistently thereafter. On final start finished about 9l 4th of 11 to Lucky Song in a Listed race at Newbury (7f 60yd, soft). Should be suited by this trip.
GOOD PARTNERS won minor events at Redcar (5f, firm) and York (6f, good to soft) and ran best race subsequently when a fast-finishing short-head 2nd of 22 to Gazettalong in a valuable Newmarket nursery (7f, good).
WRAPPING, by Kris, comes from a stable that has a good strike rate with first time out runners.
Selection: ALSABIHA

4.40 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £8,460: 1m) (8 runners) C4

501 (3) 01122- ALWAYS VALIANT 156 (G,S) (D Page) N Callaghan 9-5 Pat Eddery ● 99
502 (2) 231150- SHARP JUSTICE 168 (C,G,S) (Malpass Bros Ltd) M Ryan 9-0 R Cochrane 98
503 (4) 061030- DAWN SUCCESS 175 (F,G) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-10 M Roberts 85
504 (5) 000102- GREENWICH PAPILLON 145 (G) (J Bird) W Carter 8-10 A Mackay 88
505 (6) 13- LUNAR MOVER 183 (F) (E Evans) C Nelson 8-10 J Reid 91
506 (1) 100- VILANDRADO 217 (G) (R Whalley) P Kelleway 8-10 G Bardwell 81
507 (7) 1- WASSLING 158 (G) (W Nilsen) John Fitzgerald 8-10 R Hills 79
508 (8) HEART OF FIRE (F Salman) P Cole 8-6 T Quinn —

BETTING: 7-4 Always Valiant, 7-2 Lunar Mover, 9-2 Sharp Justice, 8-1 Dawn Success, 10-1 others.

1988: ZELPHI 3-8-10 Pat Eddery (11-10 fav) J Tree 8 ran

FORM *ALWAYS VALIANT* led close home to win a Group 3 event at Newmarket, beating Frequent Flyer a neck (6f, good to soft). Ran 2 good races thereafter most notably when 2l 2nd of 12 to Classic Flame in a Group 1 race at the Curragh (7f, good). SHARP JUSTICE won a Listed race here (6f, good to soft) beating Rasheek 2l, but ran poorly *on his final 2 starts. Had some hard races last term* and may be best watched on reappearance.
LUNAR MOVER comfortably won a Goodwood maiden (7f, good to firm) beating Quiet American 2l and subsequently finished about 2½l 3rd of 7 to the useful Shaadi at Ascot (7f, good to firm).
Selection: ALWAYS VALIANT

5.10 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,929: 6f) (17 runners)

601 (2) 128223- SILKS PRINCESS 159 (G) (Mrs J McFadden) M Ryan 9-7 R Cochrane 93
602 (1) 3164- YEOMAN FORCE 267 (F) (Mrs S Lee-Robinson) K Ivory 9-6 P Cook 89
603 (3) 011065- CRONK'S COURAGE 208 (D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 8-11 Pat Eddery ● 99
604 (4) 280513- IRON KING 154 (D,F,G) (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 8-10 B Rouse 95
605 (15) 150- RESUCADA 203 (G) (P Savill) G Lewis 8-8 Paul Eddery 96
606 (6) 645330- BEAUCADEAU 154 (S) (P Stroud) K Brassey 8-6 W Newnes 92
607 (10) 01240- ALBERT'S WAY OUT 203 (S) (A Etheridge) S Dow 8-5 W Ryan 95
608 (16) 330023- EARLY BREEZE 149 (N Gill) M McCourt 8-4 R Wernham 94
609 (9) 354- HOW'S YER FATHER 183 (Unity Farm Holiday Ltd) P Cundell 8-2 N Adams 93
610 (7) 411200- CROSBY 190 (D,G,S) (J Etherton) J Payne 8-0 J Quinn 98
611 (8) 166406- MARTINOSKY 189 (F) (D Clark) W Wightman 7-13 M Roberts 98
612 (11) 440- GOLDEN SABRE 141 (Mrs D Magrath) D Arbuthnot 7-12 W Carson 87
613 (5) 004000- MON BILL 156 (A Lyons) C Booth 7-10 T Williams 96
614 (12) 040005- TALONS TALE 149 (B) (Talon Construction Ltd) R Hannon 7-8 M Fozzard 88
615 (13) 652460- MADONIJAH 152 (C Bliss) M Brittain 7-7 A Munro (5) 96
616 (17) 020301- MOOR FROLICKING 170 (D,F,G) (J Messeter) T Jones 7-7 N Carlisle 90
617 (14) 35045- HACKFORTH 141 (L Holliday) J Bethell 7-7 S Dawson 91

Long handicap: Moor Frolicking 6-13, Hackforth 6-9.

BETTING: 9-2 Cronk's Courage, 5-1 Iron King, 6-1 Golden Sabre, 8-1 Crosby, 10-1 others.

1988: TYRIAN BELLE 3-8-0 W Carson (11-4 fav) P Cole 18 ran

FORM SILKS PRINCESS ran consistently last term; latest 3½l 3rd of 7 to Lanchester at Leicester (6f, good to firm). CRONK'S COURAGE finished soundly beaten on his final 3 starts, but had earlier won easily at Salisbury (5f, soft) and Goodwood (6f, good to firm) on the latter occasion beating ALBERT'S WAY OUT (5lb better off) 2l.
IRON KING, a tough sort, ran on well in the closing stages when 5½l 3rd of 14 to Slice at Newbury (6f, good to soft) with BEAUCADEAU (11lb better off) tailed off. GOLDEN SABRE made late progress to finish about 7l 8th of 21 to Azeb at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) on final start; earlier ran on well in the closing stages when 7½l 4th of 9 to SILKS PRINCESS at Lingfield (5f, good). Meets that rival on 28lb better terms here and looks well-handicapped.
Selection: GOLDEN SABRE

NEWCASTLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Roker Roar.
2.45 Antique Man.
3.15 Winking Winner.
3.45 Martin-Lavell Echo.
4.15 House Of Commons.
4.45 Scotgavotte.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 —
2.45 —
3.15 Winking Winner.
3.45 Martin-Lavell Echo.
4.15 House Of Commons.
4.45 Kalzao.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Joveworth.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: no advantage**

2.15 BELLWAY HOMES HANDICAP (£1,952: 5f) (11 runners)

1 (7) 532/210- PULLOVER 281 (F) (T Cox) T Barron 4-9-10 D Nicholls 94
2 (10) 411000- AJJAJ 171 (D,F,G) (A Merrett) M Brittain 4-9-10 M Wigham 95
3 (4) 002556- HINARI VIDEO 308 (D,G) (R Wheeler) M Johnston 4-9-7 R P Elliott 98
4 (6) 000312- DENSBEN 142 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Pike) Denys Smith 5-8-6 B Raymond ● 99
5 (9) 400060- THE DEVIL'S MUSIC 157 (F) (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 5-8-2 M Birch 98
6 (11) 220006- WAVERLEY STAR 203 (B,F) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 4-8-2 S Morris 95
7 (2) 530020- CRIMPSALL 157 (F,S) (J Griffin) M W Easterby 4-9-2 G Duffield 96
8 (8) 051100- ROKER ROAR 157 (V,D,F,S) (Mrs S Murray) M H Easterby 5-8-1 J Birch (7) 98
9 (5) 000- KING OF SAILORS 21J (B) (R Halling) R Thompson 5-7-10 M Fry —
10 (3) 202203- QUICK STICKS 15J (E Stockdale) D Chapman 5-7-7 S Wood (5) 86
11 (1) 003000/ SWEET EIRE 28J (Matchsemi Ltd) P Monteith 7-7-7 P Burke (5) —

Long handicap: Quick Sticks 6-13, Sweet Eire 6-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Hinari Video, 4-1 Ajjaj, 5-1 Roker Roar, 6-1 Densben, 8-1 The Devils Music, Crimpsall, 10-1 Pullover, 14-1 others.

1988: GENTILESCHI 6-7-7 M Fry (11-2) G Oldroyd 10 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M H Easterby	22	112	19.6	K Fallon	5	15	33.3
B Hanbury	4	24	16.7	M Hills	6	23	26.1
J Berry	8	59	13.6	M Birch	25	163	15.3
S Norton	7	52	13.5	K Bradshaw	3	22	13.6
Mrs J Ramsden	3	23	13.0	J Lowe	16	142	11.3
T Fairhurst	5	40	12.5	Dean McKeown	4	38	10.5

2.45 ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,380: 5f) (13 runners)

1 (6) ANTIQUE MAN (S Barry) J Berry 8-11 — —
2 (11) CRISPY DUCK (R Blackshaw) C Tinkler 8-11 M Birch —
3 (13) HASLINGDEN BOY (L Waugh) A Robson 8-11 J Bleasdale —
4 (3) STILL BATTLING (J Lund) J Wainwright 8-11 S Morris —
5 (6) TENDERLOIN (Mrs M Clarke) N Tinkler 8-11 Kim Tinkler —
6 (12) ANYTHING GOES (Miss N Barron) T Barron 8-6 D Nicholls —
7 (9) ANYTIME ANYWHERE (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 8-6 J Carr (5) —
8 (7) CREE DANCER (D Chapman) D Chapman 8-6 S Wood (5) —
9 (1) ESCAPE TALK (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 M Fry —
10 (2) INDIAN STAR (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-6 M Wigham —
11 (10) MYSTICAL LADY (M Moran) W G M Turner 8-6 T Sprake (7) —
12 (5) PANOPLY (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-6 Dean McKeown —
13 (4) QUALITAIR DREAM (P Bottomley) K Stone 8-6 S Webster —

BETTING: 11-4 Antique Man, 7-2 Crispy Duck, 9-2 Anything Goes, 6-1 Panoply, Indian Star, 8-1 Tenderloin, 10-1 Mystical Lady, 14-1 others.

1988: MY TOPIC 8-6 G Duffield (7-2) J Berry 5 ran

3.15 BRUNSWICK HANDICAP (£3,720: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (6) 006030- JOVEWORTH 175 (D,F,G,S) (D Cooper) J Glover 6-10-0 S Williams (7) 95
2 (7) 045530- PINCTADA 141 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Darby) R Simpson 7-9-10 M Gallagher (7) 95
3 (11) 1123/63- RE-RELEASE 232 (D,G) (J Ennis) M H Easterby 4-9-10 M Birch 95
4 (10) 324100- WINKING WINNER 82J (D,F,G,S) (J Livock) N Callaghan 4-9-10 G Duffield 97
5 (8) 412450- COINCIDENTAL 84J (D,F,G,S) (G Parsons) D Chapman 7-9-6 K Darley 96
6 (3) 010300- JUST PRECIOUS 140 (D,F) (P Venner) M Johnston 4-9-5 B Raymond 94
7 (9) 500620- AMENABLE 281 (G) (W Spink) T Barron 4-9-4 D Nicholls 95
8 (7) 000400- KRISFIELD 79J (S) (R Berenson) M Brittain 4-9-3 M Wigham 97
9 (5) 504450- STRAW CASTLE 144 (Mrs M Sullivan) W Haggas 4-8-5 M Hills 98
10 (1) 100000- MISS EMILY 83J (G,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 5-8-2 S Wood (5) ● 99
11 (2) 066060- TWILIGHT FALLS 148 (C Smith) M Camacho 4-7-7 M Fry 92

Long handicap: Twilight Falls 7-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Winking Winner, 7-2 Re-Release, 9-2 Joveworth, 5-1 Coincidental, 6-1 Pinctada, 7-1 Krisfield, 10-1 Just Precious, Straw Castle, 14-1 others.

1988: SILVER HAZE 4-9-12 R Cochrane (7-4 fav) Miss S Hall 11 ran

3.45 SOVEREIGN SERVICES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,548: 1m) (10 runners)

1 (8) ANFIELD SALLY (J Ogden) R Whitaker 8-11 K Bradshaw —
2 (3) 006- BATU PAHAT 185 (A Sims) W G M Turner 8-11 T Sprake (7) —
3 (6) BUSHRA (N Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond —
4 (4) 00- FAR DARA 157 (M Paver) N Bycroft 8-11 D Nicholls —
5 (9) 6- MARTIN-LAVELL ECHO 145 (A Lavell) M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield —
6 (7) MONEYRAH (B) (N Abdullah) B Hanbury 8-11 P Bloomfield —
7 (1) 0- PRESIDENTIAL STAR 166 (R Rogers) S Norton 8-11 J Lowe —
8 (10) RACHEL'S DREAM (D Smith) Denys Smith 8-11 P Dalton (7) —
9 (2) 0044- THERE YOU ARE 150 (Woodberry Ltd) M Brittain 8-11 M Wigham ● 99
10 (5) 06000- WELSH FLUTE 161 (R Ryan) R Thompson 8-11 — 91

BETTING: 5-2 Bushra, 3-1 Martin-Lavell Echo, 9-2 There You Are, 6-1 Anfield Sally, 8-1 Moneyrah, Presidential Star, 12-1 Batu Pahat, 16-1 others.

1988: IN THE RIGGING 8-11 R Cochrane (1-3 fav) L Cumani 5 ran

4.15 DART ADVERTISING MAIDEN STAKES (£1,366: 1m 2f 40yd) (8 runners)

1 (4) BRIGHT HOUR 28J (W Chapman) D Chapman 4-9-7 S Webster —
2 (1) 5/32340- HOUSE OF COMMONS 261 (B) (W Gredley) C Brittain 4-9-7 B Raymond ● 99
3 (8) 032/800- PELUMICA 36J (T Dyer) J Parkes 5-9-7 K Fallon —
4 (3) 400500- RED PLANET 12J (B) (Carlson Appointments Ltd) Denys Smith 4-9-7 P Dalton (7) —
5 (5) 322- SMART PERFORMER 71J (Raymond Gomersall) N Tinkler 4-9-7 Kim Tinkler 84
6 (6) 660640- SWISS BALL 144 (F Carr) J Parkes 4-9-7 J Carr (5) —
7 (7) 400- INTREPID WORLD 203 (R Trontz) S Norton 3-8-3 J Lowe —
8 (2) ISLAND JETSETTER (P Green) M H Easterby 3-8-3 M Birch —

BETTING: 11-10 House Of Commons, 2-1 Smart Performer, 7-1 Island Jetsetter, 10-1 Intrepid World, 16-1 Red Planet, 20-1 others.

1988: PICHIRICO 4-9-7 R Cochrane (2-1) C Brittain 6 ran

4.45 RINGTONS TEA HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,057: 1m 2f 40yd) (10 runners)

1 (4) 058028- DOUBTFIRE 166 (F) (Hyde Sporting Promotions Ltd) R Whitaker 9-7 K Bradshaw 90
2 (9) 3400- NORTHERN TELLER 179 (Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa) S Norton 9-5 J Lowe 95
3 (7) 500- NORTHUMBRIAN KING 192 (N Robinson) C Thornton 9-2 J Bleasdale 80
4 (8) 000- KALZAO 145 (M K Whitelock) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 80
5 (10) 000- GOLDEN MADJAMBO 228 (R Bowler) M Brittain 9-0 M Wigham —
6 (3) 180004- ISOBAR 173 (V,F,G) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-12 J H Brown 87
7 (6) 460015- PANSONG 180 (F,G) (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-11 K Brownsword (7) 98
8 (2) 00604- REVARO 166 (G Ridley) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 Dean McKeown 85
9 (5) 30004- INNOVATOR 142 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 M Fry 88
10 (1) 005- SCOTGAVOTTE 165 (B Norden) M Camacho 7-11 L Charnock ● 99

BETTING: 4-1 Doubtfire, 9-2 Innovator, 5-1 Isobar, 6-1 Pansong, 7-1 Scotgavotte, 8-1 Northern Teller, Kalzao, 10-1 Revaro, 12-1 others.

1988: GENEROUS MOOD 8-10 M Birch (5-1) M H Easterby 10 ran

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 High Imp 2.30 High Aloft 3.0 Border Burg 3.30 Brother Geoffrey 4.0 Our Tinker 4.30 Turkish Tourist.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.0 Hankir.

Going: soft

2.0 28th YEAR OF THE SCHILIZZI CHALLENGE BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,970: 2m 50yd) (4 runners)

1 0113 HIGH IMP 86 (D,BF,F,G,S) S Christian 9-11-10 A Mulholland
2 P123 MY PURPLE PROSE 3 (D,S) J Old 8-10-10 S McNeill
3 R563 SWEET STORM 12 (CD,G,S) T Casey 7-10-3 R Dunwoody
4 0P-0 TREMAYNE 140 T Forster 6-10-0 C Llewellyn

6-4 Sweet Storm, 2-1 My Purple Prose, 3-1 High Imp, 12-1 Tremayne.

2.30 TOWCESTER SPRING SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,058: 2m) (9)

1 4143 HIGH ALOFT 14 (B,D,S) T Casey 5-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 3353 MY DERYA 8 (B,D,F,S) B McMahon 6-11-12 T Wall
3 -320 SIT IN THE DARK 57 O O'Neill 6-10-12 V Slattery (7)
4 6604 BIDSTON MILL 25 (B) R Bennett 4-10-9 G McCourt
5 -200 SILVER ANCONA 21 N Thomson 5-10-9 C Llewellyn
6 -PPP ROSIE'S JUMPER 21 G Roe 6-10-6 P McDermott (7)
7 00P6 WISECOURSE 21 C Tinkler 5-10-6 L Harvey
8 PP04 HERMAN MUNSTER 17 C Bridgett 4-10-6 Mr C Bridgett
9 350F BUCKSWILL 16 Mrs Barbara Waring 5-10-6 J Robson

9-4 High Aloft, 3-1 Sit In The Dark, 9-2 My Derya, 6-1 Bidston Mill, 7-1 Silver Ancona, 12-1 Wisecourse, 16-1 others.

3.0 EMPRESS ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,372: 3m 190yd) (11)

1 P0-2 BORDER BURG 19 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Delahooke 12-12-6 A Hill (4)
2 PP4- CASTLE ANDREA 378 (CD,G,S) D Jeffries 11-12-6 —
3 1-1U HANKIR 9 (D,F,G) N Mitchell 9-12-6 N Mitchell (7)
4 F4-1 COOLCOTTS 15 (D,S) R Symonds 13-12-4 Maj C Lane (7)
5 0-13 FATHER BRADY 22 (C,F,S) J Greenall 10-12-4 J Greenall (4)
6 2-4P VELESO 16 (CD,F,G,S) D Curtis 11-12-4 C Gordon (7)
7 -P32 DOCK BRIEF 23 (C,F) M Pipe 8-12-0 L Jefford (7)
8 /86F MANNA REEF 15 (F,G,S) J Edwards 11-12-0 C Barlow (7)
9 1-PU PYLEIGH PRINCE 19 (D,G) Mrs C Brittain 8-12-0 Mrs J Crawford (7)
10 PP/P DROPS O'BRANDY 19 (D,F,G,S) C Tilly 14-11-10 T Smith (7)
11 0U CARMELUS THE GREAT 24 G Balding 6-11-5 B Clifford (7)

2-1 Border Burg, 5-2 Hankir, 5-1 Coolcotts, 11-2 others.

3.30 24th YEAR OF THE SCHILIZZI 1906 ***COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE CUP*** (Handicap chase: £1,952: 2m 5f 110yd) (5)

1 4211 BROTHER GEOFFREY 15 (G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-10 R Dunwoody
2 F124 CUMREW 53 (B,D,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-9 J Osborne
3 5-11 LARCHWOOD 96 (D,F,G,S) S Christian 8-11-8 K Mooney
4 2231 MAJOR MATCH 23 (G,S) T Forster 7-11-4 C Llewellyn
5 3464 GREENORE PRIDE 12 (CD,G,S) P Burgoyne 12-10-0 B Powell

15-8 Brother Geoffrey, 9-4 Larchwood, 100-30 Cumrew, 6-1 Major Match, 12-1 Greenore Pride.

4.0 POMFRET NOVICES CHASE (£1,657: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1 /PPF BELLASIS 35 T Etherington 8-11-7 —
2 FPP0 BLACK MONKEY 15 (B) D Nicholson 7-11-7 R Dunwoody
3 F042 CAPELI CONE 46 (S) Mrs H Parrott 7-11-7 A Webb
4 0-0P COPPER FASTENER 38 T Forster 8-11-7 H Davies
5 0U4 IRISH DESTINY 8 G Balding 8-11-7 J Frost
6 2P/4 MIGHTY FINE 38 S Christian 8-11-7 Mr G Upton (4)
7 0002 OUR TINKER 16 (F) M Pipe 7-11-7 P Scudamore
8 00/P RAQ 16 G Balding 7-11-7 R Guest
9 FP/0 SCALLYFARE 8 J Old 8-11-7 S McNeill
10 35F0 SPEAKERS CORNER 15 M Wilkinson 6-11-7 C Llewellyn
11 0/PF LOCH CHASTITY 24 G Balding 8-11-2 W McFarland (7)

5-4 Our Tinker, 7-2 Capeli Cone, 9-2 Mighty Fine, 8-1 Irish Destiny, Scallyfare, 16-1 others.

4.30 LITTLE EVERDON NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,088: 2m) (13)

1 31 MARLIN DANCER 23 (D,S) J Davies 11-1 S Keightley
2 1 ROWLANDSONS TROPHY 16 (D,S) D Murray Smith 11-1 G Bradley
3 P DEPUTY SINGER 24 A James 10-10 J Bryan
4 340 GOLD TINT 14 (B) T McGovern 10-10 P Corrigan
5 HARD HOLLOW B Smart 10-10 R Dunwoody
6 52 IMMOTIVE 8 (BF) B McMahon 10-10 T Wall
7 LEARNING FAST N Henderson 10-10 M Bowlby
8 MIGHTY PRINCE (B) M Pipe 10-10 P Scudamore
9 00 NUDGE DOUBLE UP J Edwards 10-10 D Tegg
10 00 SEA SHADOW E Wheeler 10-10 J White
11 0 THE GREEN STUFF J Costello 10-10 G Charles-Jones
12 P TURKISH TOURIST B Curley 10-10 D Murphy
13 2464 ANHAAR G Yardley 10-5 W McFarland (7)

5-4 Rowlandsons Trophy, 3-1 Mighty Prince, 11-2 Marlin Dancer, 6-1 Immotive, 12-1 Gold Tint, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Jeffries, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; S Christian, 14 from 53, 26.4%; M C Pipe, 7 from 28, 25.0%; N J Henderson, 17 from 69, 24.6%, T Casey, 12 from 80, 15.0%; G B Balding, 10 from 67, 14.9%.

JOCKEYS: Mr A Hill, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42.9%; K Mooney, 17 from 66, 25.8%; P Scudamore, 12 from 60, 20.0%; J White, 9 from 47, 19.1%; L Harvey, 7 from 51, 13.7%; R Dunwoody, 14 from 117, 12.0%.

CARLISLE

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Charlies Loss 2.45 Pura Money 3.15 Mils Mij 3.45 Mercy Less 4.15 Polly Potter 4.45 Gurteen Boy.

Going: soft (7.30am inspection)

2.15 CUMMERSDALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS ***SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE*** (£1,002: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 1204 AZUSA 9 (F) T Jeffrey 6-12-0 C Ryan
2 0003 CHARLIES LOSS 11 W A Stephenson 6-11-7 J Dillon
3 4226 DAURICUM 18 C Thornton 5-11-6 S Turner
4 /305 STEVEJAN 50 J J O'Neill 7-11-3 F Murtagh
5 000F BILLY TOBIN 7 (F) S Payne 9-11-2 D Crossman
6 0003 FAIREST ISLE 5 A Brown 5-11-1 J Corkell
7 P665 CLIPPERS DREAM 14 J Jefferson 6-11-0 —
8 0503 STARLIGHT ROCKY 12 (CD,G) Miss Z Green 13-11-0 J O'Gorman
9 3-60 VICTORY BOY 9 (CD,F) T Cuthbert 11-10-13 Carol Cuthbert
10 4/0P GO CRAZY 28 Mrs D Cullam 7-10-13 P Harte
11 00FP CRESTINA CROSSETT 149 E Caine 7-10-13 —

9-4 Charlies Loss, 7-2 Azusa, 5-1 Dauricum, 13-2 others.

2.45 BNFL SELLAFIELD NOVICES CHASE (£1,267: 2m) (9)

1 3P31 PURA MONEY 11 (D,F,S) G Richards 7-11-12 Mr P Doyle (7)
2 3044 SHESHOONS LAST 9 (S) W McGhie 9-11-5 L O'Hara (7)
3 P653 BATTLE OF WITS 14 (B,G) T Cunningham 8-11-0 S Cunningham (7)
4 FFP3 CAVALIER CROSSETT 11 E Caine 8-11-0 Capt J Beardsall
5 UFP3 MARSIR 15 R Robinson 5-11-0 T P White (7)
6 5000 MIGHT AS WELL 25 G Moore 7-11-0 M Hammond
7 -40P NITE OF SPRING 80 Miss Z Green 11-11-0 J O'Gorman (4)
8 64F/ WHISPERING KNIGHT 778 R Goldie 11-11-0 G Scope (7)
9 -5P4 GALA LOCH 7 S Payne 5-10-2 T Reed

11-10 Pura Money, 9-2 Battle Of Wits, 11-2 Cavalier Crossett, 8-1 Gala Loch, 12-1 Marsir, 14-1 others.

3.15 WARWICK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,100: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 3U35 MILS MIJ 7 (S) J J O'Neill 11-4 M Hammond
2 0 GREEN BAIZE 180 J J O'Neill 10-10 M Dwyer
3 P LOOSE FLING 11 Mrs B Butterworth 10-10 L O'Hara (7)
4 P063 SHINING ART 21 D McCain 10-10 Mr D McCain (7)
5 5 TOWER STEPS 29 C Parker 10-10 B Storey
6 05 TWILLER 8 D Moffatt 10-10 —
7 404 WAIT YOU THERE 7 H Alexander 10-10 —
8 000 SANJO 9 W McGhie 10-5 S Turner

4-5 Mils Mij, 7-2 Tower Steps, 11-2 Wait You There, 8-1 Twiller, 10-1 Shining Art, 12-1 others.

3.45 JOHN DIXON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,427: 3m) (8)

1 453 RIVERNOT 3 (B,D,S) W A Stephenson 7-11-10 C Grant
2 43P1 COOL BREW 14 (D,S) R Pasley 11-11-6 J K Kinane
3 U226 MERCY LESS 35 (S) G Moore 10-10-11 M Hammond
4 1FP4 SAXON SLAVE 26 (CD,S) J Jefferson 8-10-9 N Doughty
5 FP01 MAGWOOD 12 (S) C Parker 9-10-8 B Storey
6 3-04 NORTHUMBRIA 7 (C,S) H Alexander 10-10-5 A Orkney
7 3282 BROWNHILL LASS 9 (S) R Goldie 8-10-3 G Scope (7)
8 3321 PANEGYRIST 12 (D,S) C Alexander 14-10-0 J O'Gorman (4)

9-4 Cool Brew, 3-1 Mercy Less, 9-2 Rivernot, 5-1 Magwood, 10-1 Saxon Slave, 14-1 Brownhill Lass, 16-1 others.

4.15 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (£1,254: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 1722 POLLY POTTER 64 (F,G) J J O'Neill 7-11-5 M Dwyer
2 /4-0 COLLEGE SILK 22 D McCain 7-11-0 Mr D McCain (7)
3 05 KINNESTON 12 C Alexander 5-11-0 J O'Gorman (4)
4 0P-F MONKS IMAGE 45 D Moffatt 7-11-0 —
5 0 SIR TAURUS 201 T Donnelly 6-11-0 B Storey
6 FF23 TARTAN TABARD 14 (CD,BF,S) G Richards 7-11-0 N Doughty
7 -85P TREBLEM 161 M Barnes 5-11-0 C Grant
8 0UF5 VERONA CHIEF 9 B Wilkinson 6-11-0 G Harker
9 0600 COUNTESS CROSSETT 43 E Caine 7-10-9 Capt J Beardsall
10 -620 MONTEVIOT 98 S Leadbetter 5-10-9 J Hansen

5-4 Polly Potter, 11-4 Tartan Tabard, 7-2 Monteviot, 7-1 Monks Image, 12-1 College Silk, 14-1 others.

4.45 CARLISLE RACE CLUB MEMBERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,366: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 3315 MACHO MAN 21 (S) G Moore 4-11-11 M Hammond
2 B030 LORD SUN 7 (CD,S) D Moffatt 7-11-3 K Ryan
3 3563 PIT PONY 28 (V,G,S) J S Wilson 5-11-0 L Wyer
4 P4F4 ROMAN DUSK 43 (G,S) J Charlton 9-10-12 B Storey
5 65-0 GURTEEN BOY 48 (BF) J J O'Neill 7-10-11 M Dwyer
6 6000 DREADNOUGHT 23 (S) J Carden 9-10-6 Mr J Carden
7 44P2 BATTLE STING 9 Mrs S Ward 5-10-3 D Byrne (4)
8 P-0P COLNEY HEATH LAD 112 T Cunningham 5-10-0 S Cunningham (7)

5-2 Battle Sting, 100-30 Pit Pony, 5-1 Gurteen Boy, 11-2 Macho Man, 7-1 Lord Sun, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: C W Thornton, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; W McGhie, 4 from 20, 20.0%; C Parker, 8 from 45, 17.8%; G Richards, 22 from 125, 17.6%; D McCain, 7 from 40, 17.5%; J Jefferson, 6 from 36, 16.7%; D Moffatt, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Wyer, 5 winners from 11 rides, 45.5%; N Doughty, 16 from 63, 25.4%; M Hammond, 7 from 46, 15.2%; M Dwyer, 5 from 38, 13.2%; C Grant, 13 from 103, 12.6%; J K Kinane, 5 from 45, 11.1%.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Woodcraft 2.45 Master Vulgan 3.15 Good Sailing 3.45 Kathies Lad 4.15 Mandray 4.45 Shilgrove Place.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Sweet Diana.

Going: heavy (chase); good to soft (hurdles)

2.15 FISKERTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,016: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

1 1530 GOLD 'N SOFT 24 (V,G,S) J O'Shea 5-12-0 S Hodgson (7)
2 2250 BOXIT 103 (S) J Mackie 5-11-7 Gary Lyons (7)
3 1430 BEDROCK 14 (BF,F,S) P Davis 6-10-13 Tamya Davis (4)
4 2406 RASPBERRY COPSE 89 Miss G Rees 4-10-12 W Worthington
5 003 WOODCRAFT 25 K Morgan 4-10-11 S Turner
6 0040 GOLDEN BOREEN 18 O Brennan 6-10-10 B Storey
7 045 BUTTERLEY LAD 37 D Wintle 4-10-10 A Carroll
8 3450 IRON GLORY 4 C Cyzer 5-10-9 M Bosley
9 8053 JOLLY VIC 12 (V) P Felgate 4-10-9 K Sims
10 8204 STANFORD BOY 12 J Parkes 4-10-9 R Garritty (7)

7-2 Golden Boreen, 9-2 Butterley Lad, 11-2 Boxit, 6-1 Bedrock, 8-1 Woodcraft, 10-1 Jolly Vic, 12-1 Gold 'N Soft.

2.45 CAUNTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,532: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 4333 RED COLUMBIA 21 (CD,S) W Mann 8-11-10 J Doyle
2 -FP4 COTTAGE LEAS 18 (G,S) M Ellerby 10-11-5 R Garritty (7)
3 4-43 CONSCRIPTION 15 (D,F,G,S) J Leigh 9-10-13 Gary Lyons (7)
4 5560 COVENT GARDEN 4 (B,CD,G,S) W Clay 11-10-12 R Bevan (7)
5 1212 MASTER VULGAN 43 (D,F,G) Mrs G Reveley 10-10-9 P Niven
6 52-5 MAJOR ROW 17 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-6 M Dwyer
7 385P CLONROCHE STREAM 115 (C,D,G,S) V Thompson 10-10-3 Mr M Thompson
8 58P0 GOOD TRADE 8 (CD,F,G,S) H Harper 14-10-0 D Mustow (7)

7-4 Master Vulgan, 5-2 Red Columbia, 4-1 Conscription, 8-1 Major Row, 10-1 Cottage Leas, 16-1 others.

3.15 HARD-LUCK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,088: 2m) (13)

1 P-0P CAJUN DANCER 58 J Harris 5-11-1 S Turner
2 CASSIS TRAVELLER 224F V Thompson 5-11-1 Mr M Thompson
3 00-P EAST PARK 9 (G) N Waggott 5-11-1 Miss T Waggott (7)
4 0 HOLLY KING 86 J Edwards 5-11-1 T Morgan
5 0000 INTO THE TREES 36 C Tinkler 5-11-1 Peter Caldwell (7)
6 5050 MAX CLOWN 194 F Jackson 6-11-1 —
7 006R RAPIER SWAN 12 P Davis 5-11-1 Tamya Davis (4)
8 GOOD SAILING 183F Mrs D Haine 5-10-10 S Smith Eccles
9 6-P0 LADY TIKI 12 R Weaver 5-10-10 R Bellamy (7)
10 OXSTALL'S LADY 588F M Barraclough 5-10-10 Ann Stockell (7)
11 0 JOHN'S REEF 120 T Kersey 4-10-7 Susan Kersey (7)
12 80 MY GREY PHANTOM 19 D Wintle 4-10-2 A Carroll
13 4000 ROSE GARDENIA 50 W Clay 4-10-2 Diane Clay

3-1 Holly King 6-1 Max Clown, 8-1 Lady Tiki, 10-1 Rose Gardenia, 12-1 others.

3.45 JAMES SEELY MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,324: 3m 110yd) (6)

1 -4P1 SIR BEN 12 (CD,S) C Pogson 11-12-4 D Verco (7)
2 6-P3 SPORTING MARINER 11 (G,S) D Bloor 7-12-0 A Beaby (7)
3 /50 COLONEL HEATHER 15 (D,F,G,S) M Watson 14-11-7 Capt M Watson (7)
4 4/32 GLADSTONIAN 14 R Benson 11-11-7 M Humphreys (7)
5 /03- KATHIES LAD 480 (F,G,S) J Jenkins 12-11-7 D Jones (7)
6 1/2- SWEET DIANA 357 (F) C Dawson 10-11-2 Mrs J Dawson (7)

5-4 Sweet Diana, 6-4 Kathies Lad, 6-1 Sporting Mariner, 14-1 Sir Ben, 20-1 Colonel Heather, 33-1 Gladstonian.

4.15 ROACH KELLEY FAMILY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,345: 2m 74yd) (6)

1 0P32 MANDRAY 8 (D,S) J Costello 8-11-10 Mr D Costello (7)
2 4216 SHANGOSEER 14 (D,S) J White 8-11-5 K Burke
3 34F4 THE UNDERGRADUATE 17 (B,S) C Tinkler 10-11-3 Peter Caldwell (7)
4 F53F TRAVELLER'S TRIP 102 (S) O Brennan 8-10-13 J Railton (4)
5 P653 BATTLE OF WITS 14 (B,G) T Cunningham 8-10-9 —
6 5PP4 WISCONSIN 15 M Chapman 5-10-7 R Fahey

9-4 Shangoseer, 3-1 Mandray, Traveller's Trip, 13-2 The Undergraduate, 9-1 Battle Of Wits, 16-1 Wisconsin.

4.45 CALVERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,842: 2m 4f) (11)

1 1110 SHILGROVE PLACE 45 (D,BF,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-10 J Hennessey (7)
2 1FPP SHOON WIND 64 (BF,S) C Beever 6-11-5 A Costello (7)
3 4-40 BLACK SHEEP 131 (G) R Armytage 12-10-6 —
4 0UPP SILVER SNOW 25 (F) Mrs E Scott 11-10-0 —
5 P00F RISING SOVEREIGN 162 (F,G) J Parish 11-10-0 D Verco (7)
6 0435 EASTERN PLAYER 8 (F,G) Miss G Rees 6-10-0 J Evans (7)
7 PP6P BRUNEVAL 28 (S) (B,C) Mrs E Heath 8-10-0 Mrs A Farrell (4)
8 5000 FINALE SEPT 28 (F,G,S) V Thompson 9-10-0 M Thompson
9 0000 SUSSEX OVERSEAS 42 (S) (CD) F Jackson 7-10-0 Miss M Crawford (7)
10 0- BRIGG MELODY 572 J Thorpe 8-10-0 —
11 000P KARAMANAD 141 N Waggott 7-10-0 Miss T Waggott (7)

11-8 Shilgrove Place, 3-1 Shoon Wind, 9-2 Black Sheep, 7-1 Eastern Player, 12-1 Finale Sept, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs E H Heath, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 23 from 75, 30.7%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 14, 28.6%; J Mackie, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Edwards, 8 from 39, 20.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 7 from 48, 14.6%;

JOCKEYS: T Morgan, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; M Dwyer, 28 from 124, 22.6%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 28, 21.4%; K Sims, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Niven, 8 from 54, 14.8%; J Railton, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

Glendera best at the Curragh

The former Luca Cumani-trained Glendera, now with John Oxx, can collect the first major Flat handicap, the Irish Lincolnshire, over a mile at the Curragh today (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Glendera wound up last season with a success on testing ground at Newbury in October. Similar underfoot conditions are guaranteed today if the course passes a precautionary 7am inspection.

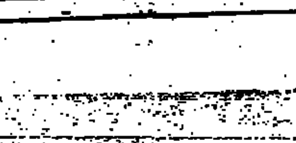
The filly will be all the better for her recent third behind handicapper Cielamour and Marvellous Marvin in a Lincolnshire trial at Leopardstown.

Blinkered first time

KEMPTON: 3.30 Harreek, Kheta King. NEWCASTLE: 2.15 King Of Sailors, 3.45 Honeyrah.

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TENNIS

Noah serves some humour in narrow defeat of Scanlon

From Richard Evans, Key Biscayne, Florida

It was Yannick Noah's night once again at the Lipton Players International. In a second round match that spilled over into the evening session, Noah defeated Bill Scanlon 4-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3, with another virtuoso performance that lasted three hours 37 minutes.

It may not have been a complete coincidence that Noah's energy level seemed to rise in tandem with the size of the crowd which grew steadily as ticket-holders began filtering in for the night session.

The Frenchman loves a stage and feeds off the positive response of his audience. It was a warm night, with a diminishing breeze rustling the palm trees under a full moon and the man who grew up in the Cameroons was in his element.

So, too, Scanlon, a tour veteran from Dallas, who has been lured back from various attempts at retirement. Generating more power from his flat-hit shots with his new wide-body racket, Scanlon worried Noah for the first couple of hours with the precision of his low service returns and the crispness of his volleys.

But with the wisecracking Texan feeding Noah lines, there was always more than tennis to enjoy. "Have you brought all your relatives with you?", Scanlon called out after the crowd cheered another piece of Noah athleticism. Picking up his cue like a true pro, Noah stood, hands on hips, surveying the stands. "Well, I don't see many Africans here," he replied.

Brilliantly as Scanlon played, he still found Noah's imposing physical presence too much of a barrier in the later stages as the Frenchman's service rhythm improved and his ability to cover acres of court never flagged.

"I felt tired but I don't think it slowed me down," Noah said. Scanlon did not look like a loser in the Press conference and voiced eloquently his reasons for wanting to prolong his career.

"I have been on the ATP board while the planning for next year's tour has been going on and I really want to be part of it," Scanlon said. "It would be a pity to stop now. But apart from that, I just have such fun playing. You can't replace the three hours I have just spent out there. It doesn't come from any other life-style.

"Even being disappointed at losing is all part of it. The highs and the lows. How can I ever forget those match points against McEnroe at the US Open back in the early 80s? But the memory is just one of the thrills of competing. Tonight I was having a blast. That's why every time I retire, I come back. I just can't stay away."

Next year, the Association of Tennis Professionals tour will need Bill Scanlon and others with his enthusiasm for the game.

The men's second seed, Mats Wilander, of Sweden, had his hands full for a while with the big serve of Scott Warner, an unseeded American qualifier ranked 340th. Warner missed two chances for a 4-1 lead in the second set and was beaten 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.

The second-seeded woman, Chris Evert, fought off a set point against her at 5-6 in the first set before defeating her unseeded American compatriot, Kathy Rinaldi, 7-6, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round (US unless stated): M Wilander (Swe) bt S Warner, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6; J Hlasek (Switz) bt D Nargiso (Mon), 6-3, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; T Muster (Mon) bt G Michibata (Can), 7-5, 7-6, 6-2; K Curren bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt J Fleurian (Fr), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 7-6: A Mancini (Arg) bt M Davis, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Grabb bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-1, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; L Lavalle (Mex) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; C-U Steeb (WG) bt S Giammalva, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; J Courier, bt J Rive, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6, 6-4; A Volkov (USSR) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5; A Sznajder (Can) bt D Cassidy, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; H De La Pena (Arg) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; Y Noah (Fr) bt W Scanlon, 4-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; R Krishnan (Ind) bt T Wilkison, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus) bt B Drewett (Aus), 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; M Pernfors (Swe) bt G Holmes, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: Sabatini (Arg) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-0, 6-0; C Evert bt K Rinaldi, 7-6, 6-4; H Sukova (Cz) bt L Antonopolis, 6-3, 6-4; P Shriver bt S Stafford, 6-4, 6-3; L McNeil bt M Calleja (Fr), 6-1, 6-0; H Cioffi bt S Hanika (Sp), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; A Grossman bt R Fairbank, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; B Fulco (Arg) bt J Hetherington (Can), 7-5, 6-4; E Pfaff (WG) bt M Drake (Can), 6-4, 6-4; B Paulus (Austria) bt L Garrone (It), 6-4, 6-1; L Gildemeister (Peru) bt R Reis, 6-4, 6-2; K Schimper (SA) bt E Reinach (SA), 7-6, 1-6, 6-4; A Nishiya (Jap) bt L Barnard (SA), 6-2, 7-6; T Scheuer-Larsen (Den) bt C Cohen (Switz), 6-4, 6-1; B Cordwell (NZ) bt S Gomer (Eng), 6-4, 6-4; I Demongeot (Fr) bt B Nagelsen, 6-1, 6-4.

Juniors in need of a hard-court event

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Two British junior championship tournaments, in the comprehensive series sponsored by Prudential, will be played on shale during the next fortnight: the 16-and-under events at Bournemouth from March 27 to April 1 and the 18-and-under tournament at Wimbledon from April 2 to 8.

The latter championships will begin a day earlier than usual, on a Sunday, because only six courts are available. Two others are being relaid with surfaces similar to those prevalent in mainland Europe.

The main British junior championships, for players aged 18 and under, are played on three surfaces. The shale tournament (the Lawn Tennis Association still uses the outdated and confusing label "hard court" championships) were inaugurated in 1908. The indoor event was introduced in 1956, the grass court championships in 1970.

The obvious deficiency is a genuine hard court event, as distinct from that played on loose-top shale courts. Hard courts have become increasingly popular on the professional circuit, though many have caused concern in the last year or two because of the stress they impose on the legs.

John Feaver, the LTA tournament manager, said: "A junior hard court tournament is needed. It's important, because players develop on that and go on to better things. But at this stage it would be difficult to get another junior tournament into the calendar.

"We have a working party looking closely at the whole junior scene," Feaver added. "We're trying to get a solid structure, with a purpose, for the 1990s." He did not dismiss the idea of a points-linked series of junior championships: "There's a lot of sense in that. It would be almost a mini-grand prix and would give them a structure."

Juniors would certainly benefit from coordinated tests of their competitive versatility and the ultimate winners of a points-linked series would be indisputable champions.

CRICKET

Second Test for Manjrekar

Georgetown, Guyana (Reuter) — West Indies may feel the absence of Malcolm Marshall as they seek their first Test victory here since 1965 in the opening match of the series with India starting today.

The Bourda pitch is not expected to favour the powerful West Indian fast-bowling attack and the loss of Marshall, with a wrist injury, could reduce their firepower. Marshall's ability to swing the ball both ways makes him the most dangerous of the West Indian bowlers on slow pitches. The other pace bowlers rely more on lift and movement off the seam.

Ambrose, who has developed into a world-class performer over the past year, takes over Marshall's role as premier strike bowler. He will be supported by Benjamin and Bishop, with Walsh on hand to do his usual containing job.

Benjamin is a much improved bowler, while Bishop, aged 21, was genuinely hostile during the one-day series, won 5-0 by West Indies. He broke Srikkanth's forearm in the final one-day.

Srikkanth's replacement in the Indian side is almost certain to be Sanjay Manjrekar, who hit a fine 109 against the West Indies under-23 side in St Kitts.

Manjrekar, whose father, Vijay, toured West Indies in 1961-62, is likely to bat at No. 5, with Navjot Siddhu opening with Arun Lal. In his only other Test appearance, against West Indies in Delhi two years ago, Manjrekar was forced to retire hurt after being hit in the face by Benjamin.

India's best hopes of gaining a surprise victory would appear to be centred on their three-pronged spin attack of Hirwani, Ayub and Shastri.

West Indies have a score to settle with Hirwani, the young leg spinner, who bowled them to defeat when he took 16 wickets on his Test debut in 1987.

Rain, which washed out three days of the drawn Test here in the 1982-3 series could also play an important part. There were heavy storms as recently as Wednesday.

WEST INDIES: I V A Richards (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, K L T Arthurton, A L Logie, P J L Dujon, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, I Bishop, C A Walsh.

INDIA: D B Vengsarkar (captain), Arun Lal, N S Siddhu, M Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, S Manjrekar, R J Shastri, K S More, A Ayub, C Sharma, N Hirwani.

Tapping man's generosity to fight man's greed

Running to help rhinos survive

By David Powell

Imagine the furore if the ADT London Marathon announced a cutback in numbers from its world-record 31,000 to, say, 3,000. Instead of a one in two chance of taking part, the prospects for those wishing to enter would be one in 20.

They would still have a better chance of running than a rhino in Zimbabwe has of surviving the hunters' fire. Colonel Mike Moody has never been much bothered about attempting the marathon, but the suffering rhinos have forced him into it.

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Moody was in Zimbabwe for two years, helping to set up a staff college for the army there. He was appalled to discover that between 1970 and 1980 the world population of African black rhinos fell from 65,000 to 14,000. "Now there are only 3,000 and soon they will be extinct," Moody says.

Rhino horn is in great demand for dagger handles in the Middle East and medicinal folk remedies in the Far East. The animal is running scared, so Moody is running sponsored. The London Marathon was the most effective method he could think of to raise funds to help the fight against poachers and he has been chosen as one of 12 runners to represent *The Times*/Tandem Computers London Marathon Appeal.

"Having never run more than four miles in my life, to go up to 26 miles in the three months I have been back from Zimbabwe requires dedication that might be missing if one did not have belief in one's cause," Moody says.

"The last remaining viable natural population of the black rhino, some 1,750, is in Zimbabwe and is under concerted attack by armed poachers. The losses would have been greater but for the dedicated efforts of the under-equipped rangers of the Zimbabwe national parks. Over the years rangers have been killed and only last month a senior African ranger lost his life. The money will go towards properly equipping these rangers who are risking their lives."

Moody, aged 48, and based at the Joint Service Defence College, Greenwich, is hoping to complete his marathon in around five hours. If he thinks of quitting, one thought will drive him on: in the time it takes him to cover the distance, at least one more black rhino will probably have fallen victim to the poachers.

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JAMES MORGAN



Fund-runner and friend: Col Mike Moody gets in some light training at London Zoo with Rosie, a baby black rhino

DRUGS IN SPORT

Johnson's doctor calls for lifting of ban on steroids

Toronto (AP) — The doctor of the Canadian sprinter, Ben Johnson, said here that almost every athlete competing at last year's Olympics in Seoul was taking steroids. "If there was any athlete not on them, they were probably from Sri Lanka or Timbuktu," Dr Jamie Astaphan said. He called on the International Olympic Committee to lift the ban on the muscle-building drugs.

"The IOC knows how widespread steroids are in every sport, amateur and professional," Astaphan said in a telephone interview from his home on the Caribbean island of St Kitts. "They should not be banned. There should be specific provisions placed on them to prevent their abuse, then everyone can get back on an equal footing."

Johnson was stripped of his gold medal and world record in the 100 metres at the Seoul after having been tested positive for the steroid stanozolol. Witnesses at a Canadian inquiry into the scandal have accused Astaphan of supplying the sprinter and other Canadian track stars with steroids for years.

Astaphan, who earlier denied supplying steroids to Johnson, stopped short of admitting he gave him drugs, saying he would "spill every detail at the inquiry. When I testify, people will see and understand the truth about track and field."

● LAUSANNE (AP) — The Canadian inquiry will do nothing to end doping unless governments, sports leaders and athletes themselves take action, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, said.

● WASHINGTON (AP) — Carl Lewis, the American sprinter, said as many as 10 Olympic medals last summer may have gone to athletes using anabolic steroids and urged random testing at all levels of competition.

BASKETBALL

Shaft resigns in wake of attack

By Nicholas Harling

The second physical altercation this season between a player and a club official has resulted in the loss to the sport of its most charismatic figure. Mike Shaft has resigned as chairman of the beaten Coca-Cola Cup semi-finalists, Olympic City Giants, after an incident involving the Manchester club's American, Jeff Wilder.

Shaft, aged 33, the presenter of BBC television's *Open Air*, had to be rescued by other players from his confrontation with Wilder after Giants had lost a friendly match at Oldham on Thursday night. Shaft had told his players to "stop bickering about the officials," when Wilder apparently took offence and also raised the question of money. Giants players have often had to wait for their payments this season although, according to Shaft, "they had just been paid three weeks wages this week."

Shaft added: "What upsets me is that I'm being cast as the villain, although all I've done is to act as middle man between the players and the owner. But if that's how they want it, I'm quite happy to be out of it."

Just over two months ago Mark Dunning, the coach of Bracknell Tigers, resigned following a skirmish with his England international, Trevor Gordon, whom the club refused to dismiss. The incident has come at the worst possible time for Giants, whose task in the Carlsberg championship play-offs against the champions, Glasgow Rangers, is hard enough without strife within the ranks.

In first-leg play-offs this weekend, Manchester Eagles meet Leicester City Riders at Stretford tonight and Sunderland play Bracknell tomorrow afternoon.

HOCKEY

England can build from experience

The task of rebuilding the England side for the 1990 World Cup at Lahore begins at the BMW tournament this weekend in Amsterdam, where England will face India tomorrow and the Netherlands on Monday.

Richard Leman, who has taken over as captain, could be in the new role of centre half in place of Dodds, who has joined Ian Taylor, Barber, and Bhaura on the retired list. The situation is compounded by the absence of Sherwani, who is not available for the next six months, and Shaw, who recently withdrew because of injury.

Still, Leman has with him seven other members of the Olympic gold medal-winning team in Faulkner, Potter, another candidate for the move to centre half, Grimley, Batchelor, Garcia, Kerly and Clift. Hazlitt in deep defence, Halls at half back, Mayer, Robert Thompson and Nick Thompson at forward, are all anxious to secure permanent places in the side.

The players have not been able to come together, apart from two days of training at Lilleshall, since the Olympic Games in October, their time having been consumed by participation in the national league.

The England juniors, who meet the Netherlands today and Pakistan on Monday, have a squad that has had a lot of match practice against the universities but has not yet settled into an effective pattern of play. It is odd to find Coleman and Blan among the travelling reserves and Capper omitted altogether.

ENGLAND SENIORS: S Rowlands (Havant), S Taylor (Stourport), D Faulkner (Havant), S Hazlitt (Hounslow and Army), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Potter (Hounslow), R Leman (East Grinstead, capt), M Grimley (Hounslow), S Batchelor (Southgate), C Mayer (Cannock), R Garcia (Havant), K Stamp (Welton), S Kerly (Southgate), R Clift (Southgate), R Thompson (Hounslow), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians).

ENGLAND JUNIORS: D Luckes (East Grinstead), A Forshaw (Formby), S Kerry (Southgate), Jasbinder Chana (Bournville), M Kirkland (Taunton Vale), Jagdis Barber (Southgate), G Bambury (Oxford University), J Lee (East Grinstead), J Pidcock (Neston), P Krishnan (Old Loughtonians), Kalbir Takher (Cannock), P McGuire (Teddington), Amerjit Dagun (Barford Tigers), N Pendle (Guildford), M Cross (Bromley).

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Future bright for Hymers

By Michael Stevenson

There can have been few happier contestants at the Rosslyn Park schools sevens this week than Andrew Morris of Hymers College, Hull, when he ran in the winning try against Tiffin to help his side to victory in the final of the junior competition.

It was Morris's hundredth try of the season in which his speed and skill have helped Hymers under-13s to a playing record of 15 wins and a single loss — to St Mary's Hall by 10-12. In addition, the Hymers under-15s were undefeated in normal school matches, losing only to Leeds GS in the Yorkshire final of the Daily Mail competition. The Hymers first XV broke even.

Chislehurst and Sidcup GS had a magnificent season, winning 18 matches and losing only to Judd, by 22-10. They scored 331 points, conceding 78.

The Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School have also enjoyed another excellent season. They lost away to Llandovery and Hereford Cathedral School, won their other 19 matches and scored 611 points against 143.

Chichester HS, apart from beating Haywards Heath VIth Form College in the final of the Sussex Cup, have enjoyed their best season. They lost only two matches, to King's Worcester and Seaford College and won 21, scoring 545 points to 164.

Perhaps their best result was a five-try victory against RGS Guildford. Their under-13s were unbeaten.

Douai, entertaining Terry Fox Senior School from Canada, did not extend hospitality to the field, winning comfortably 23-0 through tries by Varley, Bartlett, Caldwell and Dalton. Varley kicked two conversions. The final of the Barclays Bank Surrey schools sevens was between Millfield, who had beaten Wellington in one semi-final by 18-0, and Windsor GS, who had disposed of London Oratory 12-4 in the other. Victory went to Windsor by 18-12.

Irish have high hopes for Costello

By George Ace

Victor Costello, the No. 8 for Blackrock College, who won the Leinster schools cup, switches to lock for Ireland schools international in Cork today against England, last season's triple crown winners.

Costello scored two tries in every round of the cup including the final. At 6ft 5in and about 16st, he is the Republic of Ireland's senior shot champion and is one of the reasons why many are convinced that this is one of the best teams to represent Ireland at this level for several years.

Niall Malone, who played a leading role in Methodist College's recent Ulster schools cup win with 14 of the 26 points scored, will make his international debut at stand-off.

● England play their only 16-group schools international game of the season today, against Italy, at Ostia, near Rome. They will be heartened by their 19-3 win in the warm-up game against Italy B on Wednesday, when Farr, the Yorkshire three-quarter, scored three tries.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League

First division

A Villa v West Ham
Charlton v Coventry
Derby v Nottm Forest
Everton v Millwall
Manchester Utd v Luton
Norwich v Newcastle
Sheffield Wed v QPR
Southampton v Arsenal
Wimbledon v Middlesbrough

Second division

Brighton v Oxford
Chelsea v Bournemouth
Hull v Plymouth
Leeds v Portsmouth
Leicester v Birmingham
Shrewsbury v Bradford
Stoke v Barnsley
Sunderland v Ipswich
Swindon v WBA
Walsall v Manchester C

Third division

Bristol R v Bristol C
Bury v Blackpool
Cardiff v Aldershot
Chester v Wolverhampton
Chesterfield v Sheffield Utd
Mansfield v Bolton
Notts Co v Port Vale
Preston v Northampton
Reading v Swansea
Southend v Huddersfield

Fourth division

Burnley v Tranmere
Cambridge v Peterborough
Carlisle v Crewe
Darlington v Wrexham
Exeter v Stockport
Leyton Orient v Rochdale
Lincoln v York
Rotherham v Hartlepool
Scarborough v Doncaster
Scunthorpe v Halifax
Torquay v Hereford

GM Vauxhall Conference

Aylesbury v Stafford
Cheltenham v Weymouth
Chorley v Boston
Fisher v Sutton Utd
Kettering v Kidderminster
Maidstone v Enfield
Northwich v Altrincham
Telford v Wycombe
Yeovil v Macclesfield

Beazer Homes League

Premier division

Alvechurch v Bath
Bedworth v Corby
Crawley v Cambridge City
Dorchester v Gosport
Dover v Dartford
Fareham v Waterlooville
Merthyr v Worcester
Moor Green v Bromsgrove
Redditch v Burton
VS Rugby v Leicester Utd
Wealdstone v Ashford

B and Q Scottish League

Premier division

Celtic v Dundee Utd
Dundee v Motherwell
Hamilton v Hearts
Hibernian v Rangers
St Mirren v Aberdeen

First division

Airdrie v Morton
Ayr v Raith
Clyde v Partick
Clydebank v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
Forfar v Meadowbank
St Johnstone v Queen of Sth

Second division

Alloa v Cowdenbeath
E Fife v Stirling
E Stirling v Dumbarton
Montrose v Brechin
Queen's Park v Arbroath
Stenhsemuir v Albion
Stranraer v Berwick

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Portsmouth, West Ham v Luton. SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Ballymena, Carrick v Glentoran, Coleraine v Larne, Crusaders v Glenavon, Linfield v Bangor, Newry v Distillery. VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Barking, Carshalton v Hendon; Dagenham v Bognor; Grays v Dulwich; Harrow v Wokingham, Marlow v Leyton-Wingate; St Albans v Hayes; Slough v Kingstonian, Tooting and Mitcham v Bromley. First division: Basildon v Woking; Bracknell v Hitchin; Chesham v Staines, Hampton v Collier Row, Kingsbury v Basingstoke; Lewes v Leatherhead, Metropolitan Police v Southwick; Uxbridge v Wembley, Walton and Hersham v Wivenhoe; Worthing v Chalfont St Peter. Second division north: Aveley v Saffron Walden; Barton v Billericay; Clapton v Berkhamsted; Harlow v Hertford; Hemel Hempstead v Tring, Hornchurch v Vauxhall Motors; Letchworth GC v Heybridge; Royston v Tilbury; Ware v Purfleet; Witham v Stevenage; Wolverton v Rainham. Second division south: Camberley v Newbury; Chertsey v Molesey; Eastbourne United v Dorking; Epsom and Ewell v Ruislip Manor; Finchley v Banstead; Flackwell Heath v Feltham; Harefield v Egham; Southall v Maidenhead United; Whyteleafe v Horsham.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Bangor City; Burton v Fleetwood; Caernarfon v South Liverpool; Frickley v Marine; Gateshead v Stalybridge, Matlock v Witton; Morecambe v Rhyl; Mossley v Gainsborough; Southport v Hyde. First division: Alfreton v Winsford; Colne Dynamoes v Penrith; Curzon Ashton v Eastwood Town; Droylsden v Congleton; Eastwood Hanley v Netherfield, Harrogate v Accrington Stanley, Newtown v Radcliffe; Sutton Town v Bishop Auckland; Whitley Bay v Farsley; Workington v Lancaster.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff v Cwmbran, Abergavenny v Haverfordwest; Aberystwyth v Barry, Brecon v Ton Pentre, Ebbw Vale v Port Talbot; Milford v Caerleon; Pembroke v Maesteg; Pontllanfraith v Bridgend.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Ashtree Highfield v Mile Oak; Banbury v Coventry Sporting, Bilston v Halesowen, Forest Green v Bridgnorth; Grantham v King's Lynn, Hednesford v Willenhall; Nuneaton v Atherstone; Rushden v Wellingborough; Stourbridge v Gloucester. Sutton Coldfield v Dudley.

Southern division: Andover v Poole, Bury v Baldock; Canterbury v Hastings; Corinthian v Sheppey; Dunstable v Buckingham; Folkestone v Thanet; Gravesend and Northfleet v Chelmsford; Ruislip v Burnham; Tonbridge v Erith and Belvedere; Trowbridge v Salisbury; Witney v Hounslow.

FA VASE: Semi-finals, first leg: Tamworth v North Ferriby; Hungerford v Sudbury. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Frome; Bristol Manor Farm v Torrington; Chard v Plymouth Argyle; Chippenham v Taunton; Liskeard v Weston-super-Mare. Les Phillips Cup: Quarter-final: Saltash v Keynsham. SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Seaham; Brandon v Easington; Chester-le-Street v Stockton; Newcastle Blue Star v Gretna; North Shields v Blyth. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Ashton; Bootle v Formby; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Clitheroe; Flixton v Colwyn Bay; Rossendale v Knowsley; Salford v Burscough; Warrington v Leyland Motors. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Hallam; Bridlington Trinity v Thackley; Brigg v Bridlington Town; Denaby v Grimethorpe MW; Harrogate Railway v Emley; Ossett Albion v Long Eaton. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Gillingham v Ipswich; Leyton Orient v Watford; Portsmouth v Charlton. Second division: Crystal Palace v Brentford; Luton v Wimbledon; Southampton v Bristol Rovers; Swindon v Bristol City.

SPORT ON TV

Today

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 12.30-2.30pm: European Cup: Qualifying match. Screensport 6-7.30pm: ACC championship

CYCLING: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: Milan to San Remo. Eurosport 8-9pm: Grand Prix from Harelbeke, Belgium.

GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-5.05pm: Racing: 1.0, 1.30 and 2.0 races from Haydock Park. Rowing: University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge. Rugby League: Silk Cut Cup: Semi-final: Live coverage of Warrington v Wigan from Maine Road (see also Rugby League). Final score: 4.45pm.

ICE SKATING: Screensport 4-6pm: World figure championships: Coverage of the gala from Paris.

MAZDA'S EYE ON SPORT: Eurosport 6-7pm: Sport from around the world.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 3.30-4.30pm: Shell international. Screensport 8.45pm-midnight: NASCAR Atlanta 500.

RACING: C4 3.20-5.05pm: 3.30, 4.05 and 4.40 races from Kempton Park.

ROWING: Eurosport 7-8pm: University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Eurosport 10.30pm-midnight. Silk Cut Cup: Semi-final: Warrington v Wigan from Maine Road (see also Grandstand).

RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am: Five nations' championship.

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 1.05-1.40pm. Results service 4.45pm.

SKI JUMPING: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: World nordic championships from Falun. Eurosport 9-10.30pm: World Cup from Planica, Yugoslavia.

SPEEDWAY: Screensport 3-4pm: World individual ice championships: Semi-final/final.

TEN-PIN BOWLING: Screensport 7.30-8.45pm: Professional bowlers' winter tour.

Tomorrow

CYCLING: Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: Grand Prix from Harelbeke, Belgium.

EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 6-7pm: Review of the week's sport.

FOOTBALL: ITV 3-5.05pm: The Match: Live coverage of Tottenham v Liverpool from White Hart Lane.

GOLF: Screensport 3-5.55pm: Players' championship: Third and finals days. Screensport 5.55-6.25pm: Inside the PGA.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 10pm-midnight: National Hockey League: Boston v Philadelphia.

MAZDA'S EYE ON SPORT: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am: Sport from around the world.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 7-9pm: Brazilian Grand Prix: Coverage of race from Rio de Janeiro. BBC2 9.10-9.45pm: Brazilian Grand Prix: Highlights. Screensport 7.30-8.30pm: Powersports international.

OLYMPIC CHALLENGE: BBC1 1.05-2pm: Highlights of the Paralympic games from Seoul.

ROWING: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Eurosport 3-4.0pm: Silk Cut Cup: Semi-final: Warrington v Wigan from Maine Road.

RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2 4.20-5.20pm: Pilkington Cup: Semi-finals: Highlights of Bath v Gloucester and Harlequins v Leicester.

RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 10.30pm-midnight: Five nations' championship.

SKI JUMPING: Eurosport 1.30-3 and 9-10.30pm: World Cup from Planica, Yugoslavia.

SPORT FROM SPAIN: Screensport 7.20-7.30pm.

SURFING: Eurosport 10.11pm: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.

TENNIS: Screensport 8.30-10pm: Lipton International championships: First day.

RUGBY UNION

PILKINGTON CUP

Semi-finals

Gloucester v Bath
Harlequins v Leicester (2.30)

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v London Welsh
Abertillery v Ebbw Vale
Cardiff v Barbarians
Coventry v Neath
Cross Keys v Mold
Durham City v Sheffield
Fylde v Harrogate
Gosforth v W Hartlepool
Hartlepool R v Selkirk
Headingley v Liverpool St H
Kendal v Jed-Forest
Llanelli v Northampton
Maesteg v Bridgend
Melrose v Northern
Met Police v S Wales Police
Morley v Bedford
Moseley v Nottingham
Newbridge v Public School Wand
Newport v Pontypool
Orrell v Blackheath
Roundhay v Wrexham
Saracens v Vale of Lune
Swansea v Rugby
Tredegar v Stroud
Waterloo v Wakefield

NORTH: Adwick-le-Street v BP Chemicals; Ashton-under-Lyne v Oldham; Baildon v Halifax Vandals; Barton and District v Sheffield Oaks: Beverley v Scunthorpe; Burton v Keyworth; Bradford and Bingley v Otley; Cleckheaton v Bynea; Durham City v Sheffield; East Retford v Sleaford; Guisborough v Phoenix Park; Halifax v Davenport; Heaton Moor v Ashton-on-Mersey; Hemsworth v West Park Bramhope; Huddersfield YMCA v Wasps XV; Hull and ER v Sandal; Hullensians v Ionians; Littleborough v Macclesfield; Malton and Norton v Leodiensians; Market Rasen v Old Hymerians; Matlock v Newark; Middlesbrough v Broughton Park; Old Crossleyans v Heath; Old Modernians v Leeds YMCA; Old Rishworthians v Old Otliensians; Pocklington v Old Brodleians; Pontefract v Northallerton; Preston Grasshoppers v Chester; Redcar v Ryton; Ripon v Morpeth; Rodillians v Roundhey Trojans: Roundhay v Wrexham; Roundheglans v Driffield; Sandbach v Leigh; Selby v Bramley; Sheffield Tigers v Heul y Cwy; Skipton v Orpington; Southport v St mary's; Thornensians v Wharfedale; Wakefield Wasps v Dinnington; Warrington v Ruthin; Wath-on-Dearne v Amber Valley; West Park v Manchester; Wensleydale v Wetherby; Wibsey v Dronfield; Widnes v Tyldesley: Wilmslow v Winington Park; Yarnbury v Bradford Salem; York v Manst: York RI v Hessle: Yorkshire CW v Burley.

MIDLANDS: Alcester v Upton upon Severn; Aylestone St James v Syston; Barkers Butts v Burton; Belper v Gainsborough; Boston v West Norfolk; Bournville v O Moseleians; Buxton v Keyworth; Chesterfield v Keighley; Coalville v Northampton BBOB: Coventry Saracens v Belgrave; Daventry v Wellingborough OG; Dunlop v Harbury; East Leake v Whitwell; East Retford v Sleaford; Erdington v O Yardleians; Ilkeston v Aylestonians; Kings Norton v Newcastle; Leamington v Banbury; Long Buckby v O Coventrians; Long Eaton v Lutterworth: Luctonians v Gordon League; Malvern v Edwardians; Market Drayton v Cannock; Market Rasen v O Hymerians; Matlock v Newark; Melbourne v GEC St Leonards; Northampton Trinity v Evesham; Nuneaton O E v Loughborough; Oakham v Westwood Works; O Centrals v Five Ways; O Saltleians v O Longtonians; Penrith v Lincoln; Pershore v Gloucester OB; Redditch v Kidderminster Carolians; Saffron Walden v Kettering; Shrewsbury v Ludlow: Southam v Kibworth; South Leicester v Rushden and Higham; Stafford v Davenport; Stamford v Moderns; Stoneygate v Melish; Sutton Coldfield v Leamingtonians; Tamworth v Stratford; Taunton v Worcester; Telford v O Halesonians; Trentham v Handsworth; Trinity Guild v O Northamptonians: Vipers v Paviors; Warley v Birchfield; Wellingborough v Huntingdon; Whitchurch v Instonians; Willenhall v Spartans: Witton v Kynoch; Woodrush v Bridgnorth; Yardley v Shipston.

WALES: Abergavenny v Usk; Barry v Kenfig Hill; Blackwood v Bargoed; Blaina v Newport Utd: Bryncoch v Cefn Cribbwr; Cardiff HSOB v Old Illtydians; Cilfynydd v Seven Sisters; Dinas Powys v Porthcawl; Garndiffaith v Nantyglo; Hirwaun v Ynysybwl; Llandaff North v Old Penarthians; Llanharan v Rumney; Nantyffyllon v Penygraig; Neath Athletic v Abertillery Athletic; Nelson v Pontypool Athletic; Ogmore Vale v Gilfach Goch; Pencoed v Tonyrefail; Pentyrch v Caldicot; Pyle v Treorchy: Resolven v Taibach; Rhydyfelin v Beddau; Senghenydd v Machen; Ystrad Rhondda v Abercarn. West Wales: Section A: Pontarddulais v Dunvant. Vardre v Llangennech. Section B: Ammanford v Felinfoel, Bryncoch v Carmarthen Ath. Section C: Ystradfera v Llandybie Section D: Crynant v Burry Port: Gorseinon v Pontyberem. Section E: Glynneath v Penygroes. Pembrokeshire championship: Aberystwyth v St Davids; Haverfordwest v Cardigan; Llangwm v Tenby Utd. Neyland v Pembroke Dock Quins: Pembroke v Narberth; Whitland v Milford Haven.

WEST: Ashley Down OB v Bath OE; BAC v Frampton Cotterell; Bristol Saracens Utd v Southmead; Bristol Telephones v Minety; Bude v O Technicians; Cheddar v Westlands; Chipping Sodbury v Bristol Harlequins; Clifton v Maidstone; Clifton Wanderers v Old Richians; Exeter v Torquay Ath; Falmouth v O Dunstonians; Hayle v St Austell; Imperial v Cotham Park; Ivybridge v London New Zealand; Kingswood v Colerne; Newbury v Avon and Somerset Police; North Bristol v Old Colstonians; Old Ashtonians v Bigsdon; Old Elizabethans v Aretians; Old Patesians v Keynsham; Penzance Newlyn v Oxford; Redruth v Abbey; St Bernadette's OB v Gordano; Sambridge v Barton Hill; St Brendan's OB v Bristol Saracens; St.Ives v Chepstow; St Mary's OB v Old Redcliffians; South West Gas v Pilning: Tiverton v Taunton Utd; Trowbridge v Chippenham; Wells v Burnham-on-Sea: Weston-super-Mare v Abercynon; Whitehall v Dings Crusaders; Winscombe v Chew Valley; Wiveliscombe v Old Haberdashers.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: British Car Auctions Combined London Old Boys Merit Table: South Thames Division: Old Emanuel v KCS OB. Club Matches: Askeans v Reading; Barking v Chingford; Bexley v King's College Hospital; Campion v Harlow; Chichester v Worthing; Chinnor v Henley; Diss v Bury St Edmunds; Folkestone v British Rail; Ipswich v Cambridge; Letchworth Garden City v North Walsham; Norwich v Cantabrigian; Old Juddians v Dover; Old Reedonians v Old Isleworthians; Old Reigatian v Old Wandsworthians; Old Westcliffians v Redbridge, Portsmouth v Brighton; Reading v Old Gaytonians; Sidcup v High Wycombe; Staines v Effingham; Streatham and Croydon v Havant: Sudbury v Colchester: U.S.Portsmouth v Cheltenham.

IRELAND: Ulster: AIB Senior Cup: Quarter-finals: Ards v Ballymena; Queen's Univ v Instonians; Bangor v Dungannon; Malone v Collegians. Senior Club: Portadown v Omagh. Leinster: Smithwick's Senior Cup: First round: Wanderers v Blackrock Col; Dublin Univ v Univ College, Dublin. Senior Club: St Mary's Col v Lansdowne; Monkstown v DLSP.

SCOTLAND: McEwans National League: First division: Glasgow Academicals v Selkirk; Hawick v Stewarts/Melville FP; Jed-Forest v Melrose; Heriots v Watsonians; Boroughmuir v Kelso; Glasgow High/Kelvinside v Edinburgh Acad. Second division: Hillhead/Jordanhill v Gala; Dalziel HSFP v Langholm; Corstorphine v Dunfermline; Portobello FP v Stirling Co; Edinburgh Wanderers v Kilmarnock; Musselburgh v Preston Lodge. Third division: East Kilbride v Gordonians; Clarkston v Haddington. Fourth division: Grangemouth v Perthshire; Lenzie v Cambuslang; Leith Acad v St Boswells; Cartha Queens Park v Wigtownshire; Linlithgow v Edinburgh Univ; Hutchesons v Peebles. Fifth division: Paisley v Livingston; Hillscots v Murrayfield; Lismore v Ardrossan; Glenrothes v Penicuik. Sixth division: Waysiders v St Andrews Univ; Aberdeenshire v Earlston, Walkerburn v Dalkeith; Harris Acad FP v Drumpellier. Seventh division: Duns v Lasswade; Strathclyde Pol v Birkmyre; Cumnock v Falkirk; Cumbernauld v Garioch; Clydebank v Forrest FP.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: Warrington v Wigan (Maine Road, Manchester, 3.15).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-off: Manchester v Leicester. NBL First division play-off quarter-finals: Men: Oldham Celtics v Cheshire Jets: Worthing Bears v Gateshead Vikings. Women: Stockport v Crystal Palace.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Nottingham Panthers v Peterborough Pirates (6.30); Streatham Redskins v Solihull Barons (5.45).
CAPITAL FOODS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-finals (at Murrayfield): Murrayfield Racers v Tayside Tigers (2.0); Ayr Bruins v Fife Flyers (6.30).
ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION: Birmingham Eagles v Chelmsford Chieftains (7.0); Humberside Seahawks v Basingstoke Beavers (5.15).

HOCKEY

MIDLAND CLUBS: Buxton v Leicester Univ; Egerton Park v Mansfield; Gymfit v Barford Tigers; Khalsa v GEC Coventry; Leek v Barton; Lichfield v Bridgnorth; O Halesonians v Birmingham Univ; Rugby v Bromsgrove; Tamworth v Handsworth Eagles.

OTHER SPORT

ICE SKATING: British speed championships (Richmond).
MOTOR SPORT: British rally championship: Circuit of Ireland.
ROWING: University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge (Putney to Mortlake, 2.40).
SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship qualifying (Preston). Matchroom League: Steve Davis v Stephen Hendry (Carlisle).
TABLE TENNIS: Commonwealth championships (Cardiff).

TOMORROW

Barclays League

First division

Tottenham v Liverpool (3.05)

RUGBY UNION

Saracens XV v Portuguese XV

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Sheffield v Fulham (3.15): York v Hunslet.
RODSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR CHALLENGE CUP FINAL: Wigan St Patricks v Egremont (Central Park, Wigan).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Play-off: Sunderland v Bracknell (4.0). NBL First division play-off quarter-finals: Men: Birmingham Bullets v Plymouth Raiders (4.0); Brixton Top Cats v Oxford Park (4.0). Women: London YMCA v Sheffield Hatters (at Brixton, 2.0); Northampton v Ipswich (3.30), Tyneside v Nottingham Wildcats (2.0).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Durham Wasps v Streatham Redskins (6.30); Peterborough Pirates v Whitley Warriors (6.30).

CAPITAL FOODS SCOTTISH CUP: Final (at Murrayfield): Murrayfield Racers or Tayside Tigers v Ayr Bruins or Fife Flyers (2.0).

ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION: Lee Valley Lions v Romford Raiders (5.30); Medway Bears v Sunderland Chiefs (5.15); Chelmsford Chieftains v Humberside Seahawks (6.30); Oxford City Stars v Birmingham Eagles (7.0); Solihull Knights v Bracknell Bees (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Three TT: Eastbourne v Hackney/Arena Essex (3.30); Mildenhall v Rye House/Ipswich (3.30). Challenge: Newcastle v Edinburgh (4.0).

GARDENING

Nursery rhyme and reason

Francesca Greenoak catches up on the latest changes with Beth Chatto in East Anglia

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Turfed in: dog's tooth violets, *Erythronium denscanis*, naturalized in grass in Beth Chatto's woodland garden, latest project in her Colchester nursery

I recently stumbled across the phrase "Beth Chatto type plants" in a gardening book, an inelegant term, but at once understood to refer to those rather special plants of subtle form and colouring identified with the Beth Chatto nursery. Gardening attitudes have changed fundamentally since Chatto first exhibited at Chelsea – the innovator has become an institution, and many of the plants she brought to public notice are included in every nursery catalogue. Now she has given up her Chelsea appearance, and to discover her plans for the future, I went down to her famous nursery, in the chill blowy flats of East Anglia.

During the five years since I was last there, both the gardens and the nursery have expanded hugely – but Beth looked just the same, eager to set out into the boisterous March weather, a windblown bundle of nervous energy, swiftly touring the garden pointing out the delights and delicacies, picking, stroking, sniffing the plants, prying with deftly practised fingers to demonstrate a silvery underleaf, or the fine points of a recondite flower.

Abstaining from Chelsea, she explained, means "more time to develop the garden". She has taken the opportunity presented by storm-gaps to plant unusual trees such as the Coyote willow *Salix exigua*, a silvery-leaved willow which grows well on a dryish, light soil, and shrubs such as the very early flowering golden currant (*Ribes sanguineum Brocklebankii*), and a small, elegant shrub (called *Rubus lineatus*) with wonderfully pleated young leaves, silky on the underside.

None of these is yet available as Beth Chatto always gives them a thorough garden trial before building stocks for sale, but the whole range of plants sold in the nursery is grown in the garden, so purchasers can see for themselves how things that take their fancy look in garden surroundings, and which soil conditions and companion plants suit them.

The extent of the garden now reaches almost to the boundaries of the Chatto land, giving extra nursery and display space, while the garden landscape stretches beyond the three pools to a bank of Petasites on the far side of the reservoir. The largest new project is a woodland garden, to extend the present wood walk. Inside an adjacent one-and-a-half acres of scrubby mixed woodland, trees too close together are being thinned to allow the light in. Soon the poorish soil will be mixed with gravel and compost and planted up. Personally, I dislike gardened woods, but Chatto has come nearest to converting me, with her old trees intertwined with climbing roses, and daffodils planted with such attention to form and colour that even I cannot help but admire it.

Part of her secret is that inside the woodland habitat she uses species, or early crosses, rather than the more artificial garden hybrids. In the turf, there are the lovely dog's tooth violets (*Erythronium denscanis*) and glossy green sheaves of colchicum leaves – "I can't think why people dislike them, they are so handsome" – which will die back in the summer, for the pink autumn crocus flowers to appear bare, against a background of grass.

The wild daffodils and the small golden tête-à-têtes gradually give place to white and creamy narcissus, graceful White Beauty erythroniums, and Martagon lilies, all of which have been successfully naturalized in the grass beneath the trees and wide path.

During early summer, they die back behind a frothy tumble of cow-parsley and hedge parsley, but before hogweed, dock and thistle move into the cycle, "all the woodland turf is thoroughly mown, and we look forward to the autumn display of colchicums". At the moment visitors can only peer into the woodland walk, but when the new wood garden is integrated with it, there will be broad grassy paths among the trees and shrubs and herbaceous plants, and "perhaps some species rhododendrons and lacecap hydrangeas might look nice here, if they will grow".

We moved on to private territory where the nursery plants are propagated, and where Beth Chatto has decided to devote a considerable part of her time "to raising plants – not necessarily difficult in the garden – but which are difficult or slow to propagate". A veratrum can take up to seven years from seed, the woodland trilliums take two years just to germinate. Some of the old-fashioned plants, such as the Jack-in-the-green primroses with their ruff of leaf-like sepals surrounding the flower, are very difficult to come by. These rare and slowly increasing plants are accommodated in raised beds in a purpose-built tunnel known as the "hospital block".

In the outdoor nursery beds, the plants are grown and divided. Four or five blocks of hellebore testify to the discerning Beth Chatto eye. Easily the most beautiful I have ever seen is a fairly large flower of clear pink, upon which a dense crimson teardrop dissolves at the edges into lighter brush-strokes. A dark plum-coloured form is "lovely close to, but not eye-catching in a garden composition – the colour blends too closely with the soil colour; the pale creamy-yellow ones are better at a distance".

When sufficient stocks have been built up from the mother plants, new entries appear with lovingly attentive descriptions in the latest catalogue. A preview of the list for autumn 1989 reveals the creamy flowered *Gladiolus tristis*, dainty and scented, which will enjoy a conservatory if you don't have a warm sunny spot in the garden, and a most unusual pulmonaria with apple green leaves edged in white with very early coral red flowers. Some specialities on the "restricted list" which are now available are a white Kaffir lily (*Schizostylis*), a white nerine, an extraordinary ajuga called Catlin's Giant, which has huge chocolate brown leaves and blue flowers, and an impressive evergreen euphorbia (x *martinii*), a mound of evergreen rosettes which carries reddish leaves followed by lime-green flowers (growing to about 2ft tall).

The *Unusual Plants Catalogue* is £1.30 (inc p+p). If you would like any of the plants above, please identify yourself as a reader of this column – you will also automatically receive the next catalogue and supplementary list. The Beth Chatto Gardens and Nursery (Elmstead Market, Colchester CO7 7DB) are open March-October, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. The garden is open daily (except Sundays and Bank Holidays) under the National Gardens Scheme, admission £1, child free.

Scent of snowdrops

Act now to increase next year's spread of white wonder



Spending my time prostrate among snowdrops in damp flower beds and winter turf has convinced me of two things (*Francesca Greenoak writes*). First, despite the adamant denial of one reader of this column, snowdrops have a scent; second, the English language is deficient in the vocabulary of scent. What can you say about the earthy smell of daffodils, except that they are daffodil-scented? Similarly, the snowdrops have a slight, piquant but unmistakable scent, like nothing but itself. Like violets, primroses, wood anemones and other delicate flowers of early spring, they give their scent only when warmed, and seem to close it off as the flowers become overblown. A bunch of early snowdrops brought into a warmish room gives out a good scent, as do recently opened clumps in the sun.

There are about 50 kinds of snowdrops with distinctively different markings and forms. I grow the common snowdrop *Galanthus nivalis*, which is naturalized in woodlands and has a wispy, evanescent scent, but I am told by experts that some varieties, especially one called *Galanthus plicatus* Warham, have a more pronounced scent – though whether stronger or sweeter, I do not yet know.

Double snowdrops seem to smell less, but it is the lumpy full-skirtedness of the inner petals which is grounds for complaint in those connoisseurs who value above all the characteristic, graceful slenderness of single flowers. Growing both singles and doubles myself, I find they naturalize equally well (though doubles cannot be reproduced from seed). I believe there is room for both, especially having been introduced recently to Lady Elphinstone, a variety which has yellow edgings on the frilled skirts.

To increase the spread of snowdrops, dig up sizable clumps, carefully separate the individual bulbs with their leaves and replant. A number of different kinds are beginning to be available at some nurseries in spring, since many experts now believe that transplanting (in the green) is better than waiting until autumn, when bulbs can easily dry out, becoming shrivelled and impossible to grow. Certainly, buying green plants reassures the purchaser that they are home-grown stocks and not illegally taken from the wild in Asia Minor.

Snowdrops thrive in most soils in shade or dappled shade (though they should be planted less deeply – about 2in/5cm – in heavy ground). Winter aconites which have finished flowering can also be divided and transplanted in the same way now.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Sow pinks (dianthus), salvias and nicotianas in the greenhouse.
- Plant pot-grown strawberries now, and you may have a few strawberries to eat in the summer. Sow alpine strawberries.
- Plant out pots of bulbs after flowers have faded (after leaving them outside to acclimatize for a week first).
- Sow early varieties of peas such as Meteor if weather continues mild.
- Sow Brussels sprouts in pots to plant out from mid-May.
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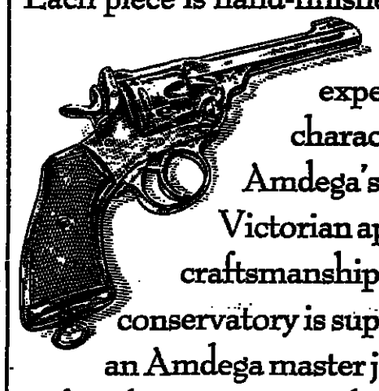
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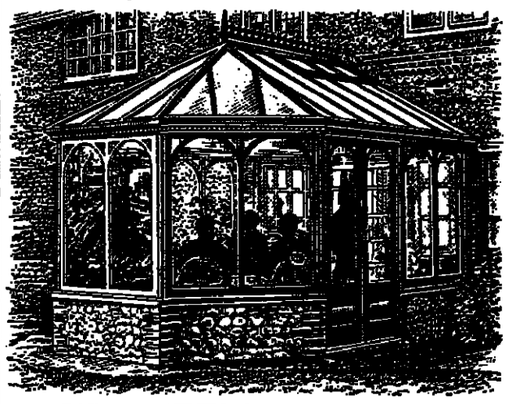


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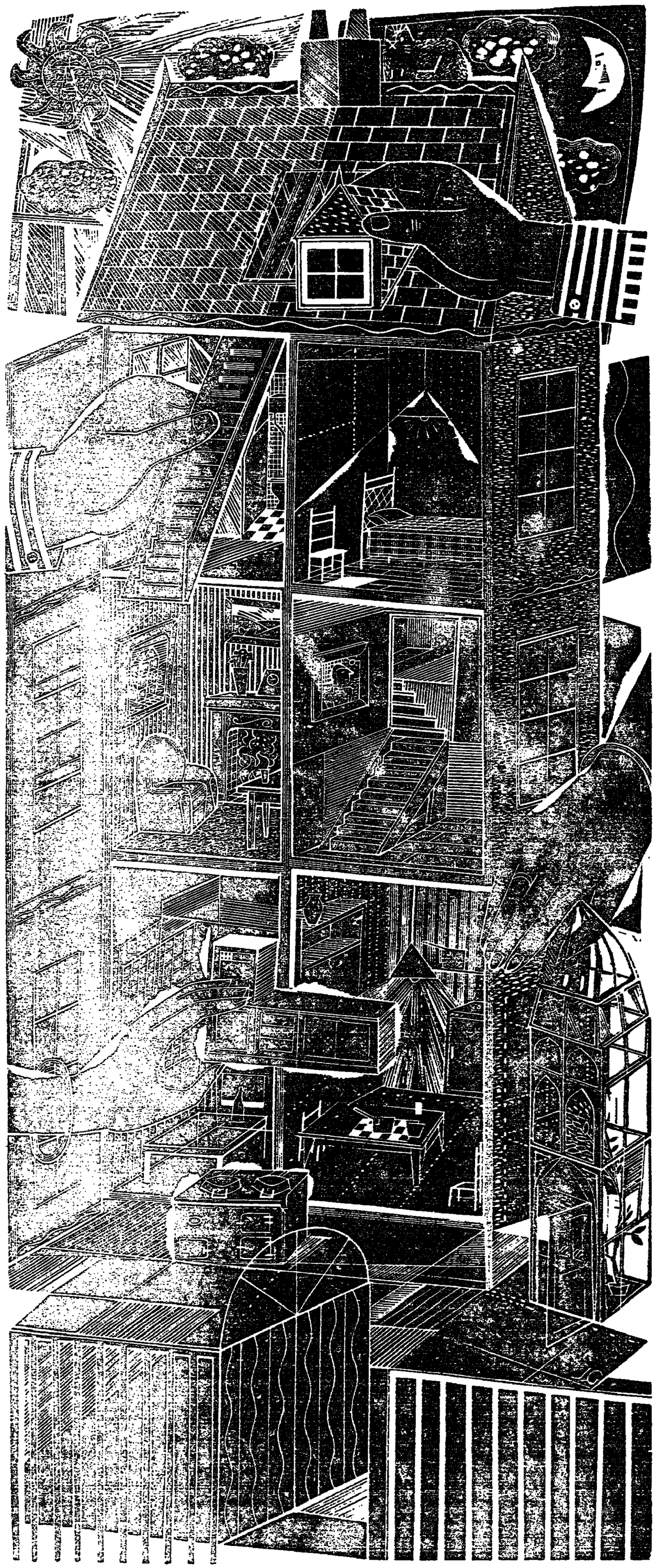
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